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## "Invaders from a Not So Distant Planet"

Invasive species, such as non-indigenous plants and creatures, can pose a significant threat to the communities they invade. They can be brought into a community either deliberately or accidentally and can quickly take over the landscape that they inhabit.

On Wednesday, July 22, at the fish hatchery in Haliburton, participants in a Stewardship Discovery Days program learned all about these species that are known as "invaders from a not so distant planet". The guest speakers for the event included Hayley Anderson, Terrestrial Invasive Species Outreach Liaison, and Allyson Brown of the Invading Species Awareness Program. Both are with the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH).

The purpose of the event – hosted by the Haliburton Highlands Stewardship Council and Out to Learn – was to educate the public about these species so that we

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**Getting Up Close  
and Personal with  
Invasive Species.**  
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Mark Arike  
Staff Reporter

## Attention Boaters

Make Sure to Have a Pleasure Craft Operator Card By Sept. 15

There was a time when boaters of any age could operate any type of boat without training or education. That meant kids could hop on-board and get behind the wheel of a powerboat regardless of its size or horsepower. When April 1, 1999 came around, things changed and children under the age of 12 could no longer operate boats above 10 horsepower for recreational purposes unless accompanied by someone 16 years of age or older. Those at least 12-years-old, but under the age of 16, also were no longer permitted to operate boats above 40 horsepower unless accompanied by a person 16 or older. The change of rules also stated that you have to be at least 16 to operate a Personal Water Craft (PWC).

Well, because of a constant push on boating safety over the past several years, another change is coming into effect, which all boaters should be made aware of: boaters of any age who operate any kind of powered boat must obtain a Pleasure Craft Operator Card (PCO card) by Sept. 15 of this year to prove their boating competency.

In order to earn this card, one must take a safety course, such as one that is provided by the Lifesaving Society's Boat Operator Accredited Training (BOAT). Representatives from this organization have been around Haliburton County in the past several weeks at various locations, educating members of the public about the new regulations and getting them signed up for their course.

Through a course like the one offered by BOAT, participants learn all of the safe boating knowledge that is required by the Coast Guard to earn the PCO card. Courses such as these are recommended for youth and adults with no boating experience or training. The training can be obtained through a private organization such as this one, or through Transport Canada.

In recent figures, Transport Canada estimates that 1.8 million Canadians have already their card, however there are still another two to four million people who will need to be certified before the September deadline.

Those eager to take the test for their card can go in without

Boating cont'd... pg. 2...

## Paudash Lake Development Approvals Moving too Slowly

Liz Danielsen  
Staff Reporter

While concerns about building permits in Highlands East seem to be settling down, problems with development on Paudash Lake are continuing, only on another front. During a County Council planning report last week, Highlands East Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie voiced concern about the direction being taken with and timeliness of responses to development applications by the Crowe Valley Conservation Authority (CVCA).

Mackie, who had recently attended Paudash Lake's annual general meeting, said he had heard a number of concerns raised at the meeting about how restrictive the CVCA was and how long they took to respond to enquiries and applications for development permits.

"Is there anything that the County can do to light a fire under them?" he asked.

Mackie acknowledged that the concern only affected Bicroft and Cardiff Townships, but said that if a resident or cottager needed to replace something like a pump house, the process created considerable problems and delays.

Planning Director Jane Tousaw told Council that she had recently attended a CVCA meeting regarding permit applications. During the meeting, which was attended by the City of Kawartha Lakes, Peterborough County and Northumberland County as well as Haliburton County, similar concerns were brought forward.

"The CVCA is now committed to responding within 10 days," she said. "But one of the problems is that they don't have planning staff. They are using their environmental staff to review applications

Development cont'd... pg. 7...

**"No one  
wants to  
build  
underwater."  
(Suzanne  
Partridge)**

Inside  
This  
Issue



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# Police Reports

## Three Youths Arrested After Break And Enter Reported

(Bancroft, ON.) On Tuesday the 21st of July 2009, Officers from the Bancroft detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police responded to the report of a break and enter to a residence on Hemlock Street in Cardiff, Ontario. Investigation revealed that the owner of the residence returned home in the early afternoon and observed several youths running from the house. As a result, Officers arrested 3 youths in the area and transported them to the Bancroft OPP detachment. A 17 year old male young person of the Municipality of Highlands East has been charged with unlawfully in a dwelling house, contrary to the Criminal Code of Canada. He has been released from custody and is scheduled to appear in Bancroft Court on the 20th of August, 2009.

A 17 year old male of Bancroft and a 16 year old male of the Municipality of Highlands East have also been charged with trespassing, contrary to the Trespass to Property Act in relation to the incident.

A 14 year old male of Cardiff was diverted under the Youth Criminal Justice Act and a 13 year old male was warned in relation to the incident. ■

## Civic Holiday Long Weekend... Safe Travel Begins With You

(CITY OF KAWARTHA LAKES, ON) As we prepare to embark on the Civic Holiday long weekend (July 31 to August 3, 2009), the Central Region of the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) will be operating Safe Travel Enforcement Initiative. Extra officers will be working to ensure that this weekend will be like every other weekend and hopefully filled with positive family memories. This can be accomplished if everyone makes safe travel part of their plans.

To ensure that this long weekend begins and ends safely, the public is being reminded to be respectful of the laws which govern travel on our roads, waterways and trails.

The OPP, through Vision 2010, is committed to making our roadways, waterways and trail systems the safest in North America. Chief Superintendent Mike Armstrong, Regional Commander of Central Region has said "our officers are always visibly present and are committed to our safety based initiatives and this weekend will be no exception. We will be looking for seatbelt, helmet and personal flotation compliance along with keeping motorists within the posted speed limits of our area roadways."

Chief Superintendent Armstrong has further stated that "impaired operation of any type is not only unacceptable, but is something that the officers from Central Region are diligently working to reduce through spot checks and R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) initiatives each and every day".

This week, as you plan for the upcoming long weekend, Acting Inspector Mike Reynolds of the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP is asking that you pack some patience as travel on area roadways will significantly increase as the weekend approaches. Keeping your speed within the posted speed limits, increasing the distance between your vehicle and the one travelling ahead of you and properly wearing your seatbelt can help make this weekend a safe weekend. ■

## Break And Enters Reported On Paudash Lake

On Monday the 20th of July and Tuesday the 21st of July 2009, Officers from the Bancroft OPP responded to the report of three break and enters on Lewis Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that sometime since Sunday July 12th three separate seasonal residences were forcibly entered. The only property reported stolen is a vacuum cleaner. Anyone with information about these break and enters are encouraged to contact the Bancroft OPP at 613-332-2112 or CRIMESTOPPERS at 1-800-222-8477. ■

## Boating Regulations Cont'd...

... from pg. 1 **Mark Arike**  
Staff Reporter

taking a boating safety course, but it is recommended, especially for the beginner crowd.

Experienced boaters who don't want to, or need to, go through a training course, can purchase a study guide such as the one offered through BOAT. These books contain all of the necessary information that a boater needs to know in order to pass the test for the PCO card.

To be successful on the test, a person must score 75 per cent on basic boating safety knowledge. Once passed, and the PCO card is issued, it is good for a person's lifetime. Operators of all pleasure crafts that are powered by a motor must carry this lifetime certification on-board at all times.

For those who choose not get the card by the deadline and would rather run the risk of getting caught, be prepared to face penalties of up to \$250.

The costs of the boating courses can vary, so you should do your homework before selecting one over another.

To determine the best way to get your PCO card, call Transport Canada's toll-free boating hotline at 1-800-267-6687 or go online to [www.boatingsafety.gc.ca](http://www.boatingsafety.gc.ca). ■

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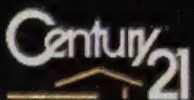
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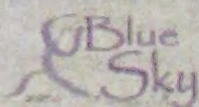
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| G-Force (P.G.)                              | 4:15 | 6:15 & 8:15 |
| Aliens in the Attic (P.G.)                  | 5:00 | 7:00 & 9:00 |
| Funny People (14A)                          | 3:45 | 6:45 & 9:45 |
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| Lunch Time Classes |                                                          | 12:05-12:50 Pilates with Kathy                                         | 12:05-12:50 Lunch Express Yoga with Lynda | 12:05-12:50 Cardio Ball Training/Strength                | 12:05-12:50 Pilates with Kathy      |                                 |
| Evening Classes    | 6:30-7:30 Cardio Kickboxing/Strength training with Kathy | 5:15-6:45 Gentle Yoga with Lynda<br>7:00-8:15 Moderate Yoga with Lynda |                                           | 6:30-7:30 Cardio Kickboxing/Strength training with Kathy |                                     |                                 |

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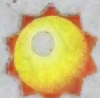
Partly cloudy with a few storms overnight  
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FRIDAY



A shower early, then partly cloudy  
▲ 23° ▼ 13°

SATURDAY



Mostly sunny and mild  
▲ 23° ▼ 13°

SUNDAY



Increasing clouds and mild  
▲ 23° ▼ 13°

MONDAY



Chance of showers and thunderstorms  
▲ 23° ▼ 13°

TUESDAY



Partly to mostly cloudy and cooler  
▲ 20° ▼ 12°

WEDNESDAY



Chance of afternoon showers  
▲ 20° ▼ 11°

**AROUND THE REGION:** Thursday will be quite pleasant as skies will be sunny to partly cloudy with highs in the mid-20s. A few thunderstorms will be possible Thursday night. Lows will be in the low teens. Most of the rain will be out of the area early in Friday, then skies will become partly cloudy. Highs will be in the mid-20s. It will be dry this weekend with highs in the mid-20s.

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|------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| Acapulco   | 32/26/ts             | 32/26/ts              | 31/26/cl                | Montego Bay     | 32/26/su             | 32/26/ts              | 32/27/su                |
| Antigua    | 32/26/pc             | 31/26/pc              | 31/26/su                | Nassau          | 33/26/pc             | 32/26/pc              | 31/28/sh                |
| Barbados   | 32/26/pc             | 31/26/pc              | 31/27/ra                | Port au Prince  | 32/25/pc             | 33/26/ts              | 33/26/cl                |
| Bermuda    | 31/26/pc             | 32/25/pc              | 31/26/sh                | Puerto Vallarta | 32/26/ts             | 32/25/ts              | 29/23/na                |
| Cancun     | 33/26/pc             | 32/26/pc              | 32/26/na                | St Thomas       | 32/26/cl             | 33/26/pc              | 32/26/pc                |
| Curacao    | 33/26/pc             | 32/27/pc              | 31/24/ts                | St Maarten      | 32/26/pc             | 31/26/pc              | 31/27/su                |
| Freeport   | 32/26/ts             | 33/25/pc              | 33/28/su                | San Jose, CR    | 29/21/ts             | 29/22/ts              | 31/21/ra                |
| Georgetown | 31/24/ts             | 31/25/ts              | 31/23/ts                | San Juan        | 31/25/ts             | 32/26/pc              | 32/25/ra                |
| Havana     | 32/26/pc             | 33/26/pc              | 34/24/su                | San Salvador    | 32/24/ts             | 32/24/ts              | 32/22/su                |
| Key West   | 32/25/ts             | 32/26/ts              | 33/27/ts                | Santo Domingo   | 32/26/ts             | 32/25/ts              | 33/26/su                |
| Kingston   | 32/27/su             | 33/26/ts              | 33/32/su                | Trinidad        | 32/26/ts             | 33/26/pc              | 32/27/ra                |

REGIONAL CITIES

| City       | Today<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Friday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Saturday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Sunday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Monday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Tuesday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Wednesday<br>Hi/Low/Outk |
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| Bancroft   | 23/13/pc             | 23/13/sh              | 23/13/su                | 23/13/pc              | 23/13/ts              | 20/12/cl               | 20/10/sh                 |
| Barrie     | 24/13/pc             | 24/13/sh              | 24/13/su                | 24/13/pc              | 24/13/ts              | 21/12/cl               | 20/11/sh                 |
| Dorset     | 23/13/pc             | 23/13/sh              | 23/13/su                | 23/13/pc              | 23/13/ts              | 20/12/cl               | 20/10/sh                 |
| Haliburton | 23/13/pc             | 23/13/sh              | 23/13/su                | 23/13/pc              | 23/13/ts              | 20/12/cl               | 20/11/sh                 |
| Huntsville | 23/13/pc             | 23/13/sh              | 23/13/su                | 23/13/pc              | 23/13/ts              | 20/12/cl               | 20/10/sh                 |
| Kingston   | 24/14/pc             | 24/14/sh              | 24/14/su                | 24/14/pc              | 24/14/ts              | 21/13/cl               | 21/11/sh                 |
| Lindsay    | 24/13/pc             | 24/13/sh              | 24/13/su                | 24/13/pc              | 24/13/ts              | 21/13/cl               | 21/11/sh                 |
| Minden     | 23/13/pc             | 23/13/sh              | 23/13/su                | 23/13/pc              | 23/13/ts              | 20/12/cl               | 20/11/sh                 |
| Oshawa     | 24/14/pc             | 24/14/sh              | 24/14/su                | 24/14/pc              | 24/14/ts              | 21/13/cl               | 21/11/sh                 |
| Ottawa     | 25/15/su             | 26/15/su              | 24/13/su                | 24/13/pc              | 23/13/ts              | 21/12/cl               | 19/9/sh                  |
| Toronto    | 24/14/pc             | 23/13/sh              | 24/14/su                | 24/14/pc              | 24/14/ts              | 21/13/cl               | 21/11/sh                 |

NATIONAL CITIES

| City        | Today<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Friday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Saturday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Sunday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Monday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Tuesday<br>Hi/Low/Outk | Wednesday<br>Hi/Low/Outk |
|-------------|----------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| Calgary     | 25/14/su             | 28/13/sh              | 22/13/pc                | 25/13/su              | 25/13/su              | 26/13/su               | 27/14/su                 |
| Edmonton    | 22/11/ts             | 23/9/pc               | 19/8/pc                 | 19/8/su               | 19/8/su               | 20/8/su                | 23/10/su                 |
| Fredericton | 24/16/sh             | 26/15/pc              | 19/13/sh                | 19/13/sh              | 19/13/sh              | 19/12/sh               | 18/12/pc                 |
| Halifax     | 26/17/sh             | 27/16/pc              | 18/14/sh                | 18/14/sh              | 18/14/sh              | 18/14/sh               | 18/13/pc                 |
| Montreal    | 24/13/su             | 26/17/ts              | 23/14/su                | 23/14/pc              | 23/14/pc              | 20/12/sh               | 19/10/sh                 |
| Regina      | 26/15/pc             | 22/11/ts              | 24/13/sh                | 24/13/sh              | 24/13/pc              | 25/13/su               | 26/13/su                 |
| St. John's  | 22/14/sh             | 24/15/pc              | 15/11/sh                | 15/11/sh              | 15/11/sh              | 15/11/sh               | 17/11/pc                 |
| Saskatoon   | 22/11/ts             | 23/8/ts               | 23/8/sh                 | 23/8/sh               | 23/8/pc               | 24/9/su                | 26/9/su                  |
| Vancouver   | 28/19/su             | 32/14/su              | 29/13/su                | 29/13/su              | 22/13/su              | 22/13/su               | 24/13/pc                 |
| Whitehorse  | 28/12/pc             | 26/11/pc              | 20/7/su                 | 20/7/su               | 20/7/su               | 21/7/pc                | 20/7/pc                  |
| Winnipeg    | 22/11/ts             | 19/8/sh               | 24/10/sh                | 24/10/ts              | 24/10/sh              | 21/8/sh                | 22/9/pc                  |

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| Saturday 7/25   | 23°C | 13°C | 26.9 mm |
| Friday 7/24     | 23°C | 16°C | 0.0 mm  |
| Thursday 7/23   | 20°C | 15°C | 21.1 mm |
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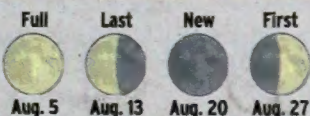
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SUN & MOON

|       | Sunrise/set         | Moonrise/set         |
|-------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Thu.  | 5:57 a.m./8:43 p.m. | 4:17 p.m./12:13 a.m. |
| Fri.  | 5:58 a.m./8:42 p.m. | 5:17 p.m./12:51 a.m. |
| Sat.  | 6:00 a.m./8:41 p.m. | 6:09 p.m./1:35 a.m.  |
| Sun.  | 6:01 a.m./8:39 p.m. | 6:53 p.m./2:28 a.m.  |
| Mon.  | 6:02 a.m./8:38 p.m. | 7:29 p.m./3:27 a.m.  |
| Tues. | 6:03 a.m./8:37 p.m. | 7:59 p.m./4:29 a.m.  |
| Wed.  | 6:04 a.m./8:35 p.m. | 8:23 p.m./5:34 a.m.  |

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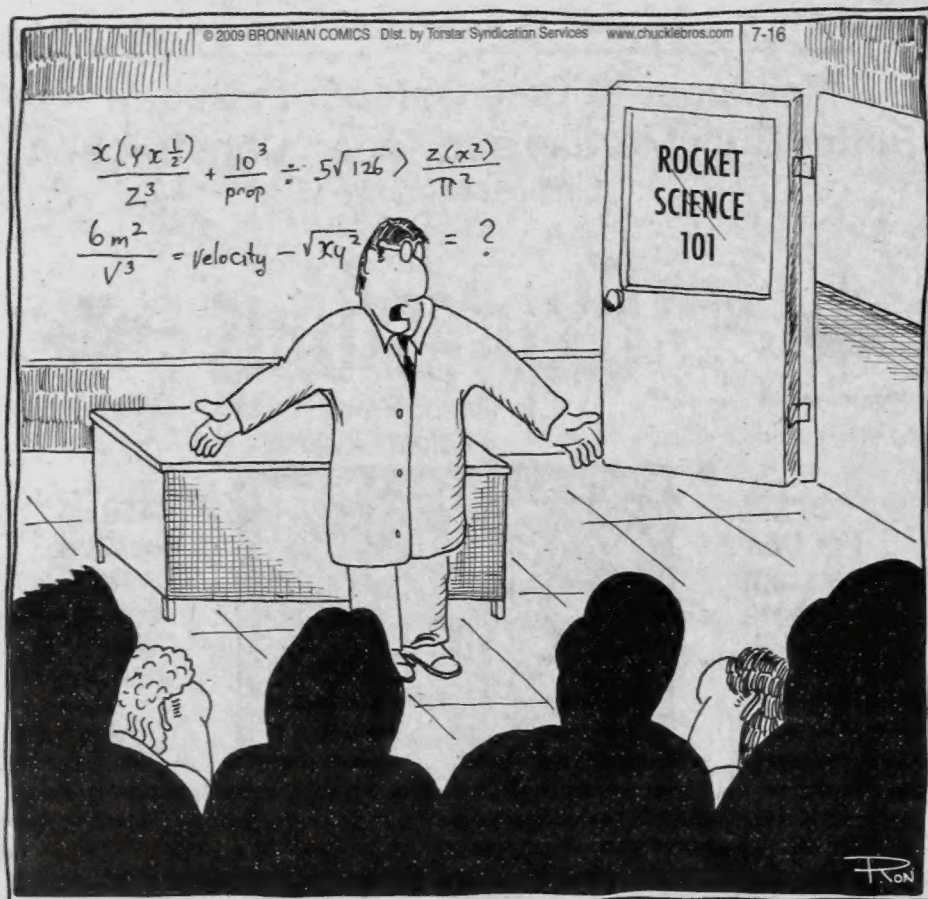
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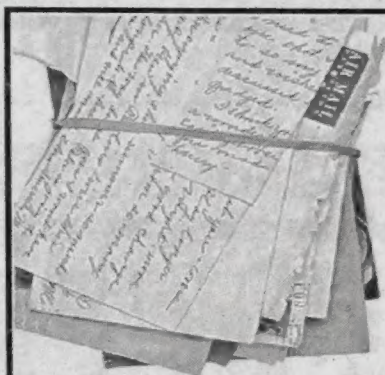
**"That is an issue that someone should report to the OSPCA, not bring to Council."**

I have been a member of the Canadian Dachshund Rescue for seven years now and frequently have my own four dogs plus a 'foster' dog or two at my home. I have a large dog run that I keep clean and I never allow the dogs outside without supervision so if they bark they either stop or get brought in immediately. That is what a responsible pet owner does.

Seventeen dogs on a porch is not responsible pet ownership: in fact the dogs are probably at risk of similar effects as those in a puppy mill, i.e. disease, over crowding and filth. That is an issue that someone should report to the OSPCA not bring to Council to limit the number of dogs per household. Seventeen barking dogs would drive me to madness but to suggest a whole new Bylaw restricting the number of dogs in a household is taking the matter too far.

As a dog lover nothing drives me crazier than irresponsible pet owners that chain or restrict their dogs so they resort to barking. It's not how many it's HOW they are treated.

Trace Morfey □



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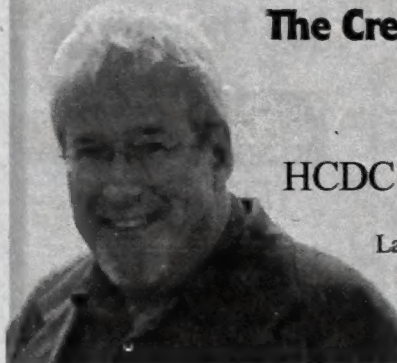
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## Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

### The Creative Economy – Haliburton's Future?

#### HCDC Think Tank Pushes for Action



Last weekend the Haliburton County Development Corporation (HCDC) hosted a three-hour 'Think Tank' in the Great Hall of Fleming College in Haliburton. The subject was the much-ballyhooed 'Creative Economy' and what it might mean to Haliburton County. An enthusiastic, if occasionally sceptical, group of some

70 local business people, teachers, artists, arts bureaucrats, and public servants were divided into about eight working groups to try and figure out how this County should be dealing with what's often regarded as the most important economic shift since our agrarian lives morphed into the industrial revolution of the late 18th century.

HCDC's Community Economic Development Consultant Jim Blake chaired the tank session, along with a professional Queen's University Facilitator, George Jackson, who rejoices in the title of Professor of Executive Decision Making. (Whenever I hear of jobs with titles like that, I have to wonder where my life went wrong, but that's another story.)

The local Creative Economy (CE), as defined by Mr. Blake, is "Innovative activity in the public, private, and not for profit sectors that leads to new wealth and an improved quality of life in Haliburton County and is supportive of a healthy, natural environment. The CE is driven by: ideas, innovation, knowledge, collaboration, and creativity."

Blake went on to paraphrase a number of studies conducted in the broad Eastern Ontario region that showed what he called the pervasive influence of the CE in almost all aspects of our economic life. For instance, in the utilities sector, to take a mundane example, creative jobs represented almost 40 percent of all jobs. In the construction industry, they represented almost 20 percent and, not surprisingly, in the information and cultural industries, they take up some 60 percent of the work.

And in the financial, insurance, professional, and health care sectors the percentages were occasionally even higher. Perhaps more importantly, "The CE has been responsible for the largest percentage of job creation growth over the previous decade," including rural areas like Haliburton. These stats indicate just how our local economic base is changing, and just what a powerful impact this change might be having on so many aspects of our economic and social life here in the Highlands.

But, back in the tank, each individual in each group had to come up with creative ideas on how to encourage more innovative individuals and businesses to locate here, how to support those existing CE businesses and institutions, and how we should be preparing our youth to develop the skills and knowledge to take part in the CE. Those ideas were then distilled by each group and finally presented to the entire gathering.

The results were instructive and revealing: firstly, the obvious, which was how essential is the expansion of broadband Internet services throughout the County. But there were other themes that emerged with great force: the provision of transportation and affordable housing; mentoring for youth; one-tier government; a creative 'branding' of the County; a strategy to repatriate Haliburton professionals now in their 30s; a perceived disconnect between councils and creative institutions and individuals; the creation of a 'signature event,' and many more.

Jim Blake now has the daunting task of further distilling the morning's work into a comprehensive report. But already it's clear to see that there will be many political implications emanating from this process. Federal MP Barry Devolin was among the participants, but unfortunately, only one local politician managed to show up – Algonquin Highlands Councillor Carol Moffatt. For any of these initiatives to be successful, knowledgeable, and supportive, councils must be an essential element. If the Creative Economy is not on local politicians' radar now, it surely must be when elections roll around in 2010. □

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## The Highlander Rants By Terrance Seamus Gavan

### Remembering Spunky – a Long Road Traveled

Crazy dog tricks and how they come back to bring a smile on a cloudy day

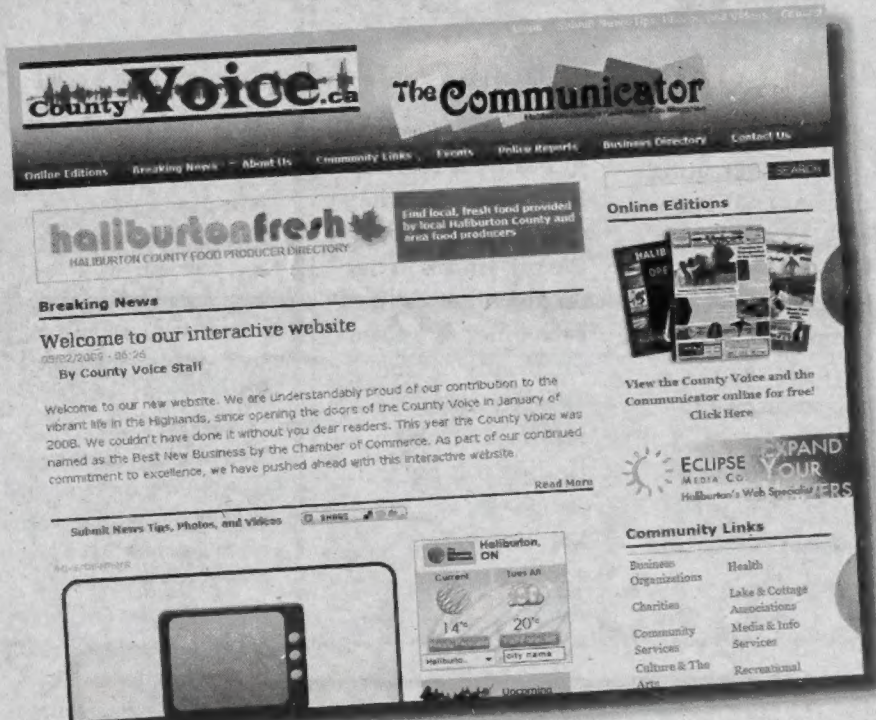
I was at an event in the park last weekend when an old dog caught my eye. The whiskers were past gray. The stance was shaky. But the look on her grizzled old mug was remarkably patient. Stoic even. I stopped. I asked the owner quietly. "How old?" He smiled at me. "She's 17, she's a good old girl." I could tell. I stopped and sat down and asked if I might pet her for just a second. He said sure. I did. I whispered to her. As I would to any old soul. "Good girl ... good old girl." You see, she reminded me of my old friend. Spunky died exactly two days before the planes crashed into the twin towers in New York. I was in Invermere, BC. We had been together for 16 years. I saw that old dog in the park last Sunday and I thought immediately of my old friend and traveling companion. Spunky was an old soul and the best dog I have ever known. For the last two days of his life, I had to carry him out to the sun-speckled yard surrounded by the Purcell Range in the Rockies. Thankfully Spunky went very quickly. I said a prayer one night. I asked that he be taken before I had to make that horrible, yet anticipated trip to the vet. I woke that morning. Spunky had passed beside me in the night. On a quilt my mother had knit. I buried him in the shade of the Fairmont Range in the heart of the Rockies that afternoon. I said goodbye to an old soul. Last Sunday I told the man with the old dog about Spunky. In truth, it's hard to remember the end. I prefer to remember the long car trips we took with his buddy Chaps and my best friend John. Watching Spunky and Chaps swim out after a stick in the water in a lake just outside of Chicago. I remember most, a morning. I had spent two weeks teaching Spunky to answer the phone. Spunky was a fast learner. In the course of those two weeks Spunky had become an expert at the phone answer. I had never, oddly enough taught him to answer a ringing phone. I would just place the phone on the floor, tell Spunky to answer the phone and he would calmly retrieve the receiver and bring it to me. I remember it was a Saturday. I was getting ready to go out and cover an event for the newspaper in Stonewall, Manitoba. I was in the shower and I heard the phone ring. Instead of getting out of the shower, I decided to let the answering machine get it. Before I knew what was happening, I heard a crash. Next thing I knew, Spunky had arrived in the shower. In his mouth the receiver of the phone. Dragging along behind him was the rest of the phone and the remainder of the phone jack, which had been pulled from the wall socket. Now, I must admit that my first inclination was to look old Spunky in the eye and say: "Spunky! What the hell are you doing?" That was my first inclination. However, I was in the shower. It was a relaxed Saturday morning. There was coffee in the pot and Spunky was staring at me with a lopsided grin on his smooch. He then dropped the receiver into the shower and began wagging his tail madly. I reflected on the hours of training over two weeks. I remember how I had praised him each time he successfully retrieved the phone on command. I looked down and I smiled. And then I did what any dumb dog owner would do. I reached down, patted him gently on the head. And then I said: "Good boy Spunky! Good old dog. Smart old boy!" Last Sunday I was reminded how much the unconditional love of a dog can infuse a life. I saw it in the face of the old dog. And I saw it in the face of that patient owner. I was overcome for a moment as I petted that good old soul in the park. I even remember how I left her. "Good girl! Good old dog. Smart old girl." And then I whispered goodbye. I took a shower today and the phone rang. I smiled and let the answering machine get it. ■

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Tragic endings to recent child abductions in Southern Ontario and across Canada, have led to a shudder of fear through the hearts of all responsible parents. Most are wondering how they can prevent such a thing happening to their child. Well prevention to date is beyond our collective capability, but what parents in Ontario can do is to be as prepared as possible should an abduction occur. How can they do that?

Through the MasoniCh.I.P. program, which stands for Child Identification Program and hereto referred to as CHIP.

CHIP is brought exclusively to Ontario families by the Masons organization, free of charge. It has worked successfully in more than 20 States in the U.S. for many years. According to statistics released by Canada's Our Missing Children site, and Ontario Child Find, every year over 60,000 children are reported missing in Canada, with Ontario reporting almost 20,000. The key to recovering these children is quick action by parents, and law enforcement agencies. Remember, "The first two hours after a child has gone missing are the most critical."

A quick word or two here about the Masons. Contrary to popular belief, they are not a secret organization, and information is given freely on their website. They like to say that "a mason makes good men better." Masons quietly do a lot of service work in the community, and CHIP, in Ontario since 2007, and in our area only this year, is a good example of that. The Masons hope you never have to use it, but here's how it works.

Through the CHIP program parents and guardians of young children (and adults who can't look after themselves and are likely to wander) must first access the program through the Masons and get a digital disk made of all pertinent information concerning their child. The program consists of five major components-digital photographs, digital video and audio, digital fingerprints, vital child identification

information, and a dental bite or intra oral swab for DNA sampling. The digital information is burned onto a disk, along with the vital information, and provided with the DNA sample in an envelope for parents or guardians to take home. After each child's information is processed, the data is deleted and erased from the computer, using state-of-the-art software. The only item retained by CHIP is the signed permission slip.

Once the parents have all the information and if their child ever goes missing, the parents can very quickly provide all the information required to the police, thereby saving a great deal of time- remember again the 2 hour critical time period.

Todd Grainger is a retired engineer who worked for Hydro in Scarborough Ontario for 33 years. He and wife Gail have lived in their house on South Kashagawigamog Lake Road since 1985. Todd became a Mason in 2001.

"As soon as the police get the disk and additional information on the missing child from the parents or guardian they put the information on their computers, and with two minutes it's on amber alert across North America," Todd explains. "As well as pertinent physical information on the child which is contained on the disk, we also ask the child questions like the name of his best friend, his favourite place to play, how he gets home from school and when he or she's sad or upset where do they go?" So you can see how much time this can save the police if all that information is already at their disposal.

When the police have downloaded the information supplied by the parents its given back to them. All Masons, spouses and volunteers on the program have to undergo police checks.

The information gathering digital equipment is very portable, and on July 1st during the Canada Day celebrations in Minden, the Masons made 114 disks for concerned parents and guardians. The Haliburton Highlands is the northernmost part of the Victoria District which covers 14 Masonic lodges from as far south as Sunderland, and points in between. "Free Child Identification Clinics will be occurring on a regular basis," assures Todd Grainger. Nine or ten have already been done in the Victoria District." He urges parents to make an updated disk every couple of years, as their child grows.

To find out where the next Child Identification Clinic is being held go to [www.masonichip.ca](http://www.masonichip.ca). To find out more you can also call Todd Grainger at 286-1617. ■



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## Paudash Lake Development Approvals Moving too Slowly

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but need help interpreting policies."

Mackie said, "It's ludicrous. They are notifying people that because of the 100 year high water mark and setback requirements there is nothing they can do or build. These people might as well sell."

Mackie said that these factors hadn't been taken into consideration before and he had left the Paudash lake meeting less than favourably impressed.

Tousaw said, "They are aware that how things were being interpreted has been a problem."

Tousaw agreed that the process the CVCA is following would impact building permits much more than before, adding that Mackie had a legitimate concern as the CVCA had imposed conditions that should not have been applied.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey asked if there was anything that the County could do to monitor the situation.

Mackie said that the CVCA staff was inspecting properties, where existing projects were ongoing, creating problems. He said, "The Conservation Authority has lost touch with reality. People are doing simple things, not massive development. In other instances there are large decks that aren't being acted upon. There should be an equal and fair approach and people should not be handcuffed."

Tousaw later clarified that the County has very little influence when it comes to building permits. She said, "The County's dealings with CVCA are limited to applications for lot creation through severances and subdivision."

According to Tousaw, this process and responsibility is fairly new to the Authority and the recent meeting was held to resolve a few procedural matters and concerns common to a number of the impacted Counties.

Tousaw said, "At this point in time, Crowe Valley staff are attempting to implement a process which will expedite their response time on applications." She also said that any concerns would be monitored by the affected municipalities and County related to each one's specific area of jurisdiction.

Tousaw later clarified that the Conservation Authority is funded through the lower tier municipalities and the concerns relayed by Mackie were related specifically to building permits which are a responsibility of the local municipality.

The Crowe Valley Conservation Authority is a corporate body established under the Conservation Authority Act to further conservation, development and management of natural resources in partnership with the province and its member municipalities.

The CVCA manages over 2,000 square kilometres of territory and maintains 1300 acres of park land. The authority operates a system of dams and weirs along the Crowe River and its tributaries, is responsible for flood plan management and maintaining water levels, promotes forest management and conservation education as well as encouraging reforestation.

The CVCA has an agreement with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada that enables them to work with residents, municipalities and cottagers on any construction plans that could have an impact on fish habitat.

Crowe Valley Conservation Authority's area encompasses that portion of Haliburton County represented by all of the Geographic Township of Bicroft and a part of the Geographic Township of Cardiff

During her ward report at the last Highlands East Council meeting, Councillor Suzanne Partridge, who chairs the CVCA, told Council that she had met with Crowe Valley staff and the municipal building department and had recently chaired a meeting with the planning departments of the

four counties within their area of responsibility.

Partridge confirmed that some of the counties had been encountering problems with the comments coming from the CVCA staff, but that concerns had been ironed out and everything was on track.

Partridge later told the Voice, "The job of the CVCA is to protect people and property as well as the lake environment. Our biologist and enforcement officer works with people to think of alternatives. We are in the third summer with the generic regulations and in that time she has only turned down three or four people, none of whom have been on Paudash Lake. The ones that she has inspected and turned down have had portions of their property underwater in the spring. (Partridge used the example of a property owner wanting to build a garage on the edge of Beaver Creek that floods its banks each spring.)

"No one wants to build underwater," she said. Partridge also commented that the CVCA has only inspected properties for which they've had applications.

When asked for details about CVCA's meeting with the four counties, Partridge said, "Applications for severances go through the County prior to coming back to the municipality and the County circulates the applications for comments including to the CVCA. The only thing we can comment on is whether there is a building envelope in order for properties to be severed and we have encountered several problems related to that in Peterborough County."

Partridge acknowledged that there have been problems because the CVCA has no planning department. She said, "We've had a few hiccups as there will be with anything new." She also said that the CVCA was the last conservation authority to implement the regulations.

"The board recognized, as did our staff, that there were problems and that is why we decided to set up a meeting to work with the counties. If there are further problems we will continue to work through with in consultation with the counties."

Partridge also said that in the last three years in Highlands East (in all of Ward 1 and a good portion of Ward 2) it is a requirement to have a permit through the CVCA before their municipal building permit is approved. She also commented that the regulations should have been implemented as much as 15 years ago, but the CVCA did not have the staff to deal with them. ■

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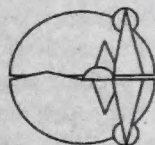
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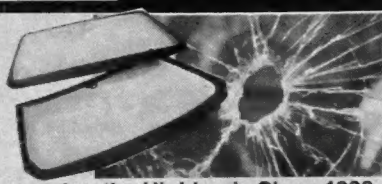


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# How to Lose a Piece of Property 101

**"This has always been a sore spot." (Don Shortreed)**

Liz Danielsen  
Staff Reporter

Over time regular maintenance of a winding municipal road has overtaken a corner of a Dorset resident's property. The owner has asked to have it back, but the Algonquin Highlands Council is torn between simply claiming the property as its own or investigating the matter a bit further. Common sense prevailed and Council deferred the request until they have more information.

Garth Greenaway recently took possession of his family's property on Harvey Avenue and he has found that boundaries have eroded over time and winter plowing has damaged the lawn and trees along an ever encroaching perimeter. Greenaway attended the July Council meeting to suggest a trade

off in an effort to resolve the matter.

Manager of Operations, Brian Whetstone advised Council that he had discussed the concerns raised by Greenaway, but felt that the trees at issue were actually on the property line. Whetstone also said that Greenaway had asked if the municipality was interested in putting up a retaining wall, something which he felt wasn't the municipality's responsibility.

Greenaway had supplied survey sketches which indicated that as much as 12 feet along his northerly boundary and 16 feet along his westerly boundary had been covered in asphalt. Reeve Eleanor Harrison, on reviewing the sketch, said that it looked like the problem involved more than one property.

CAO Lorne Mitchell referred to several pieces of legislation (the Municipal Act and the Statute of Limitations) which indicated that if there had been consistent use of a piece of property for 10 years or more and no comment had been made it implied ownership. He also said that dedication and maintenance of a road established prior to December 31st 2002 meant assumption of that road.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "There are roads all over the municipality like this and unless it is to our advantage to move on this, I don't see the need."

Councillor Don Shortreed, however disagreed. According to Shortreed the problems with this particular corner went back well before amalgamation. He said, "It has always been a sore spot. It is a sharp corner that encroaches onto private property."

Shortreed said that Greenaway was willing to make a trade-off which would be an easy resolution to the matter. He also commented that as things stood there was no place to put the snow in the winter. Whetstone, however said that plowing would not be a problem and referred to a similar situation where the owners had installed a retaining wall themselves.

Greenaway said, "Year after year, the encroachment has increased. It has always been an issue which has been raised (with the municipality) from time to time. Greenaway said that as things stood he couldn't make any improvements to his yard while the plow continued to tear his lawn up each year. Greenaway said, "I'm willing to deed the corner to the township in exchange for a rock retainer to stop the ero-

sion.

Councillor Carol Moffatt commented on the fact that the road appeared to encroach on both sides. She said, "If we accommodate one situation there is nothing stopping other property owners from coming forward with the same request."

Whetstone commented that the damage had been done, but it was clearly on the municipality's side of the property line. He said that a retaining wall would have no advantage for the municipality. Greenaway disagreed, saying, "The road meanders all over the place."

Greenaway said that he would like to resolve the matter amicably, but Harrison responded that according to the statutes, due to the number of years of encroachment, the land was now theirs. She said, "If you put a wall in place it would be on our property. We would have to hire a lawyer." But Greenaway said he would rather not get into that.

He said, "There is no end to the encroachment on that corner or to the erosion. The only way to stop this is to build a retaining wall and it is yours to do."

Harrison said, "In fairness to this Council, yours is not the only road with this problem. This could be perceived as setting a precedent. There are at least two other properties that could come back requesting the same thing and that doesn't take into consideration other roads in the municipality. It sounds like an easy fix, but it isn't."

Greenaway pointed out that if the matter of his property line remained unresolved, he could run into building issues later on if he wanted to make an addition to his home. He said, "This could get complicated." He again suggested that the municipality's surveyor review the boundaries, that they consider a cordial trade off and there would be no more discussion about the matter.

After taking the discussion around in circles for a bit, Harrison said, "It looks like we don't have sufficiently accurate information to make a decision today. We will have to take another look at this and make sure Council has the correct information."

Council agreed that further discussion would be deferred to the August agenda for a decision at that time. ■

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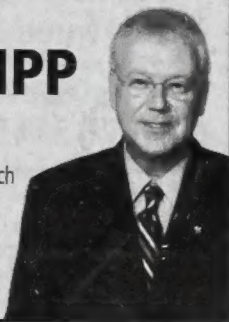
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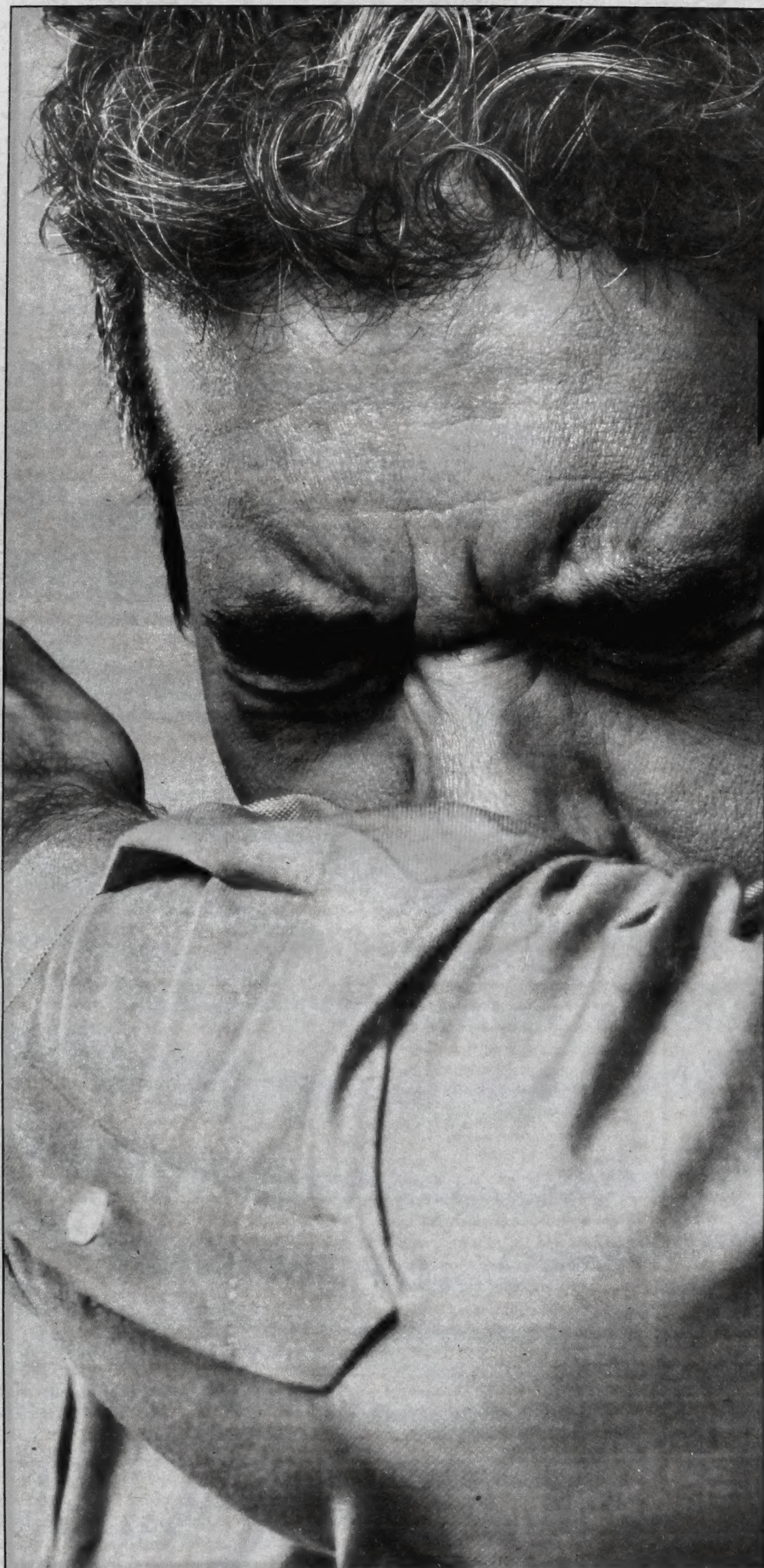
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# Diary of a Local Soldier

## Salaam from Kandahar Air Field

By LCol Steve Brand

Salaam from Kandahar Air Field (KAF) in southern Afghanistan. We've just finished five days of handover and are now working in our new jobs as the previous rotation returns to Canada after their six-month tour. My job is in an HQ planning cell where I'm the lead on expansion plans (read US surge). All is well after a 5-day, 4-country journey to get here.

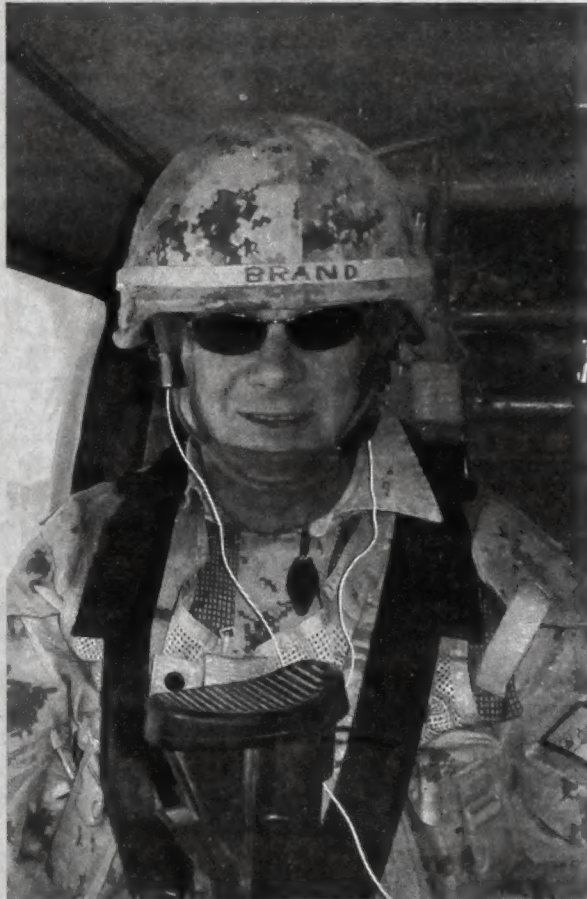
Our first duty along the way was to attend the repatriation ceremony at 0415 hrs on the 31st at Camp Mirage for our three most recent Killed In Actions and again last week for the RCD Trooper killed by an IED. An unexpected way to start my tour. Drives home the seriousness of what's happening here and the sacrifices made by all.

Landed at KAF on New Year's Eve at 2000 hrs in one of our new C17 Globemasters, squeezed in with three Griphong choppers, and caught the countdown at our "Canada House" (all-ranks social club) while the youngsters danced about with rifles and pistols slung. Kinda Wild West-like but without the booze and drunken brawls (lol). This is a dry camp for us (no booze). KAF is built beside the existing airfield (Google Taliban Last Stand) and is a small city with 13,000+ residents from some 20+ NATO contributing members. It will grow another 5000 this year. The US forces are predominate followed in the distance by Brits, Canucks, Aussies, Dutch, and a host of other smaller nations.

Wide dusty streets with low-profile building complexes protected by blast walls and festooned with every type of antennae imaginable. Clearly a military garrison with a bit of a Star Wars feel to it with all the unique uniforms and vehicles moving about at all hours of the day.

Most nations carry weapons in the course of their daily duties, including we Canucks, even while lining up for a Timmy's (a popular stop for our many allies). Living in a modular tent with five other guys. Quite comfy - think MASH 2008 style with heating and cooling. The only danger here at KAF is from the odd Taliban rocket attack. These happen every week or two but with little effect - so far. We operate at Toronto time +9.5 hrs and are located at 3300 ft ASL. The temps go to near zero at night and up to 30C by day. Need the fleece in the morning. Very little rain.

Feels like an Ontario October morning with pleasant August mid-days, but no humidity. The sky is blue and clear. The flanking mountain ranges clearly visible 10+kms away and may get a frosting of snow at times. It's winter here for another month or two before the full summer heat hits with its 50C+ temps. Area sort of resembles the desert sections to the west of Vegas but not as rolling. I have met several members of my regiment who are operating outside the wire in the thick of things and doing well. I also bumped into many other friends whom I've worked with over the years. Lots of 7/24 activity with noisy military aircraft blasting around as well as heavy vehicle and troop movements in full battle-rattle. This place never sleeps. Google ISAF Afghanistan/KAF/Kandahar Air Field for more info. ■



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# Diary of a Local Soldier

## Greetings from KAF & "Sanga Yeah" (the Pashtu greeting for how are you?).



How do you like the new rig?

After almost 30 days straight we finally received a "Low Ops" day and an opportunity to sleep in. Of course I woke up at 5am anyway but did manage to fall back asleep until 8am - a sweet luxury and one of the small things that we learn to appreciate in what is otherwise a high op tempo environment.



My Pit (the neat one)

We are expected to be at work by noon today. The headquarters battle rhythm is supposed to incorporate at least a half day off on Fridays but the "truce" is often broken by branches who need to call meetings on important issues, as we did today for 1100hrs.

Friday was chosen as the Low Ops day out of respect for the Muslim faith which treats Friday as we would Sundays. Can't believe how fast 30 days has gone. Only 5 more months to go!! LOL. I have now moved into a room which I share with a Canadian Engineer officer.

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As a light sleeper I appreciate the fact that he sleeps soundly and doesn't thrash about. We seldom see each other as I often leave and return in the dark while he is asleep.

My "battle" position?



Our branch seems to work longer hours than most with our day starting between 7 and 8am and going to as late as 11pm. A short day is considered to be 12 hours. The mess halls are large and well run. The food is plentiful and high quality. No need for traditional soldier grumblings over grub IMO. Bottled water is everywhere around the camp and no charge.



Not far to the bunker!

Every Canadian is issued an access card which enables free wireless internet at one of several WIFI zones and 30 minutes of telephone service per week. We are very well looked after in the creature comfort department.

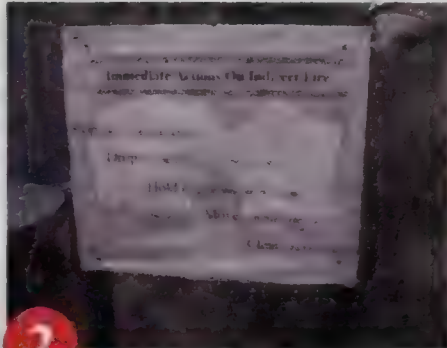


The showers are awesome

The weather continues to be Ontario fall-like but more Indian summer than not with frost at night and highs touching 25 at mid-day. Brilliant blue sky days most of the time and the weather forecast is largely the same for days on end. We had a 3-day period of steady rain which caused some flooding in what is a very flat camp. Problem is the water doesn't drain quickly in the rock hard soil and puddles up for 5 days or so before disappearing. Of course it then turns to mud and gets tracked everywhere. It's not possible to have clean boots around here but at least they're desert tan and hide the mud well, and don't require polishing!

The headquarters I work in is largely Dutch-led at the moment, having recently rotated with the Canadians who commanded for a year. This fall the Brits will take charge followed a year later by the US. It is a multinational force complete with smaller slices from Australia, Denmark and Romania.

The Canadians are responsible for one of the tougher zones within Kandahar province and have suffered proportionately the highest casualty ratio of the coalition forces.



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The US surge is gathering strength and we will soon witness one of the largest US operations in recent history. They have not flowed this many assets into a theatre in such a short period of time since perhaps D-Day.

Morale is very high and signs of progress within Afghan society are everywhere, albeit slower and less visible than many would like them to be. Our efforts are making a difference but it will take more time and sacrifice before Afghans can live freely in a sustainable fashion. The key is to develop the ANSF (Afghan National Security Forces) into an effective organization accountable to its citizens and capable of supporting the growth of good governance. Canadian and Coalition forces work every day at the sharp end with their Afghan counterparts through organisation's known as OMLTs (Operational Mentoring Liaison Teams - army) and POMLTs (Police Operational Mentoring Liaison Teams) - ETTs in US miltpeak. The ANA (Afghan National Army) has made huge strides and are conducting successful operations at the battalion level but the progress is fragile. They are not lacking in personal courage under fire but their command and control capabilities are in their infancy as is their understanding of sound logistical support.



No that's not the bus! It's a dead Russian armored vehicle

The ANP (Afghan National Police) need a lot more guidance and training and have a long way to go before earning the citizen's trust. The threats to peace and stability here are most visibly the Taliban but include an array of war lords, narco-mobsters and criminal elements, all vying for power and money. The government is beset with corruption and President Karzai is under great pressure to show real leadership in the run up to the 20 August elections. Under the Afghan constitution he must step down in May at which time we will likely see other candidates step out of the shadows and throw their hats into the ring. This is the

first time in history that the Afghans have had a chance to re-elect a sitting government, as past regime changes have taken place at the barrel of a gun. Voter registration is going well but the insurgents will attempt to disrupt events. There will be 5000 polls on Election Day and we will be there to assist the ANSF with security.



Yes it's really an Ambulance

The real danger here is faced by those troops who travel "outside the wire" and are exposed to the number one threat - the IED (Improvised Explosive Device). I attended a ramp ceremony tonight for the latest Canadian soldier to die, 25-year old Sapper Sean Greenfield, a Combat Engineer who was killed by an IED. There must have been 3000 soldiers on parade from all the contributing nations. It was certainly one of the rare moments when all was quiet at KAF.

Lites out now so I can up at 0500 and do it all over again.



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The US Army travels in style!

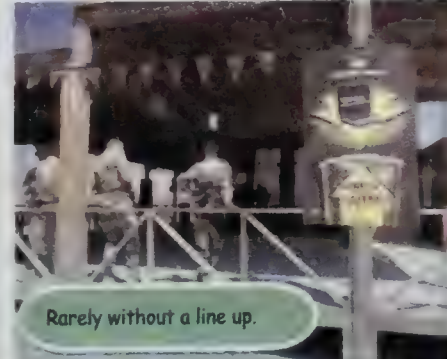


Cool taxi



The Cav rides in the G'hari

Hi All. 60 days down and 120 to go! Time continues to pass quickly as I settle into the routine. Feeling great and have dropped 15 lbs. Simple pleasures like a hot shower and a nightly sit down to a bit of e-mail are very much appreciated before turning in. Timmy's Roll up the Rim promo has made it to KAF but the wags are quick to point out that the odds of being hit by a rocket are far greater than winning a shiny new car!



Rarely without a line up.

Speaking of indirect fire, a rocket hit last week during the night and took out an equipment tent but no one was hurt (slept through that one). Had a recent daylight attack that had us scrambling under our desks for the two minute drill before heading out to the bunkers to await the all clear siren. Lying all balled up under my desk reminded me of the nuclear attack drills we did in school as kids - equally ineffective but a welcome break in the routine. Finally got unchained from my terminal and was able to visit some FOB's (Forward Operating Bases). We took off from KAF in three helos; a twin-rotor CH47 Chinook, a UH60 Blackhawk and our escort AH64 Apache gunship.



Guess who's not the pilot?

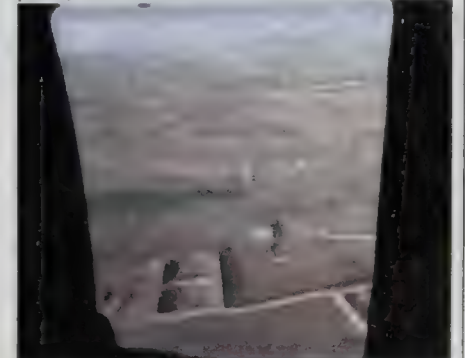
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As we gained altitude and cleared KAF we could see the expanse of Kandahar City looming to our front and behind that the first set of mountain passes enroute to our northerly stops. I was feeling very much the tourist,

soaking up my first-time view of KC, when a sharp burst of gunfire snapped us back into reality as first one, and then a second door gunner test fired their weapons into the barren desert below, thus signaling our entry into bandit country.



We flew for an hour through numerous mountain passes; often well below the peaks, and up many valleys



dotted with villages built alongside dried up river beds that await the winter snow melt. In a landscape largely



# Diary of a Local Soldier *continued*

arid desert brown, with not a tree to be seen, the green gardens alongside the villages really stood out from the air. The villages all look the same and are made up of mud-walled family compounds. Herds of cattle could be seen foraging around the highlands.

Typical FOB fortifications



Our first stop was a Special Forces (SF) FOB perched on the side of a mountain with a spectacular view of the valley below and snow-capped mountain peaks above. Large stacks of expended artillery shell casings and mortar cases are evidence of some busy times for these guys. While our Apache circled overhead providing top cover we unloaded supplies and took on some SF types on their way out to KAF. Not a talkative lot but clearly identifiable with an array of special gear, no rank or unit identification, full beards and a wonderful "Eau de Soldat! Coalition SF operations play an important role in the battle against the Taliban and they operate in relative obscurity from the rest of we "conventional" troops. We were on the ground less than 10 minutes, engines running continuously, before heading off to our primary stop where we were sent to monitor construction of a new airfield being readied to handle the incoming US forces.



Dual 7.62 mini-guns

You've probably heard of the 17,000 troop surge

recently approved by Pres. Obama. We flew into an intense weather front and landed amidst sheets of lighting and rain. After two hours of tromping about the muddy airfield in the pouring rain we'd finished our recon and returned to the LZ to board the choppers for the return trip to KAF only to hear that KAF was socked in by a dust storm.



Everything is Armoured

After three hours of waiting for a weather break any notion of flying out was nixed as the sun set. We were guests of the FOB and well looked after that night. Quite a pleasant change from a dusty, noisy KAF. One can actually smell the fresh mountain air, see the stars at night and hear birds. Even spotted a dog, the only one I've seen in 2 months. KAF only has two-legged critters although some have seen cats slinking about at night. The next morning we were in the air and back to KAF after an hour of carving through some fabulously rugged scenery. All in all, a mini vacation of sorts that enabled me to visit firsthand a FOB that up until now I'd only seen in Power Point slides.

Pizza Hut Even Delivers



Tonight we are on a "comms lockdown" due to a fellow Canadian soldier who was KIA today. When there is a death the phone and internet connections are suspended while the next of kin notification teams back

in Canada fan out to deliver the devastating news to family members before they hear it in the mainstream media. By now you will have learned his name was Trooper Diab. 2000 of us bid him farewell last night at a sunset ramp ceremony as he began the long trip home, eventually heading down the Highway of Heroes to Toronto before being released to his family. We attend ramp ceremonies every week for soldiers who have paid the ultimate price. Earlier this week we were joined by former NHL'rs in KAF to play some hockey with the lads.



They, and rockers Glass Tiger, joined us at an earlier ramp ceremony for the 3 Canadians soldiers recently killed in an IED strike. Hockey greats, Tiger Williams and Lanny MacDonald were clearly affected by the ceremonies. The casualties are largely US and Canadian forces but recently we conducted a service for a Romanian soldier. I have ended this update on a somber note to remind us all of the daily risks taken by those operating outside the wire in pursuit of a better life for the Afghans we serve.



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Working out of a sea container



Typical young pros doing the heavy lifting over here



The CH47 Chinook Workhorse

**H**i all!! The halfway point of the tour finds me about to wing my way back home for a 2-week R&R. Can't believe how fast time has gone thus far and how much has happened at KAF and indeed throughout RC(S). The population here is about to double in less than 6 months. This is now the busiest airport in the world -

Main street KAF and Taliban Last Stand.



but then 24-hour operations, zero noise restrictions and good neighbours made it easy to do so. The KAF military passenger terminal ("TLS") has scanners and plays the IATA game to the point of absurdity in that we often are waved by the scanner and simply walk on board complete with our weapons and ammo. Guess there's not much chance of a deranged hijacker slipping aboard!! LOL. Troop carrying aircraft generally fly in and out of theatre at night to reduce exposure to ground fire. Everyone wears full body armour and helmets. Aircraft often take precautionary combat maneuvers to break up the pattern of landings and



take-offs. It's not uncommon to see the odd aircraft even pop flares designed to attract incoming SAMs. Have seen many a Herc do a last minute dive on final approach, almost looking like they are about to crash. It usually takes 3 to 5 days to get from KAF to Toronto.



Camp Mirage

Mirage that we maintain in a friendly gulf nation country. It is like a little oasis for us with its fresh green grass and resort-like atmosphere. We don't need to carry weapons there and the pace is very relaxed. Most soldiers spend 1 or 2 nights there on their way in and out of theatre as military flights in and out of KAF can be delayed by weather or operations. The flow of major US forces commenced this week with the arrival of the first USMC Super Cobra gunships. They managed to beat the US Army into theatre by a week or so despite having had less deployment notice. Clearly the "leathernecks" relish their independence from the other US services and their esprit de corps stands tall. The pace of base construction throughout southern Afghanistan is relentless and the power and depth of US logistical expertise demonstrates it has no rival. The NATO skeptics amongst us have had to eat a little crow as the "Yanks" meet deadline after deadline - something no other country could do. Not since WW2

have so many assets flowed into such a land-locked theatre, and in such a short period of time. To add further challenges the US forces deploy at the start of the traditional fighting season in Afghanistan which is signaled by the return of Taliban leadership from their safe havens in Pakistan as the mountain snows recede and spring weather arrives bringing with it the leafy cover they need to operate from within. All NATO efforts of course are designed to ensure that all forces are on the ground, and operational, in time to support the Afghan elections on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August. To set conditions for the arrival of US forces the current ISAF forces increased the pace of operations this past winter

We must transit in and out of KAF by military aircraft from a "secret" base called Camp



AH1 Super Cobra

to keep the Taliban on the move. Aggressive operations disrupted INS (insurgent) activity and many key leaders have been taken out. The Taliban employment option



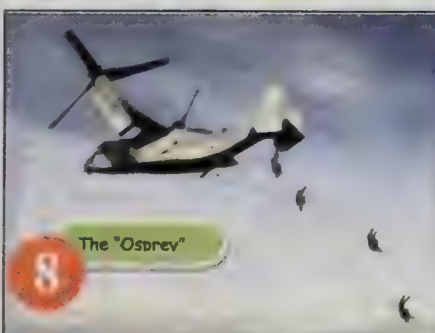
The "Pred"

right now is offering rapid promotion opportunities. The use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs) such as the Predator and

Reaper is increasing and they have a powerful presence on the battlefield. Their target acquisition capabilities are simply amazing. It is strange sight watching and hearing these birds taking flight as they slowly drone out of KAF with their tiny ROTAX engines amidst the roar and clatter of combat jets and helicopters. It seems that every type of military aircraft can be seen here. I even spotted one of the venerable Dakota/C47/DC3 planes the other day.



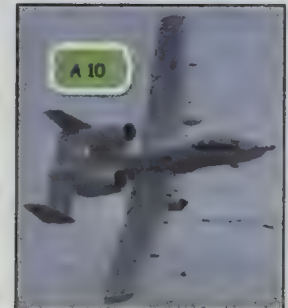
The "Dakota"



The "Osprey"

back in the 50's. The "Hercs" themselves remain the backbone of NATO airlift but have now been joined by the jet-powered C17 Globemaster - another piece of impressive kit. The Marines will soon deploy their VTOL AV-8B Harriers and later this year the MV-22 tilt rotor

wing rotary Osprey will debut in Afghanistan. The USAF A10 "Wart Hog" will also start flying in our AO soon.



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wounding 6 contractors and killing the 7<sup>th</sup>. Clearly civilians face similar risks here as well.



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# Diary of a Local Soldier continued

I recently finished my leave in Canada and am back in the saddle here at dusty KAF where daytime temps have now crept over the 40C/104F mark - spring has sprung! The absence of humidity and a steady breeze make it quite pleasant actually - but then I'm not humping a ruck outside the wire. The temps drop rapidly after sunset and make for comfortable overnight conditions.



One of our 5 dining halls

Flocks of birds have migrated back to KAF and include chickadees, doves and small starlings - same as you'd see back home. Nice to hear their chatter first thing in the morning before the daily battle rattle drowns them out. Too bad we couldn't persuade some Canada Geese to make their way over here and spread their gifts. What a contrast to spring in Minden where I was greeted by 10" of fresh snow and sub-zero temps for the better part of a week.



Managed to catch the last Sno Cross race of the season at Horseshoe Valley and watch Jeff and Kevin compete. Felt good to be twisting wrenches and meeting my Snomo buds again. A special thanks to Bill W, Tim, Shawn, Sean, Bill F, and everyone else who helped Nancy and the boys all winter. I slept most of the 1<sup>st</sup>

week as tensions released and the body struggled to recover from the 8.5 hour time zone switch



and the absence of a daily battle rhythm at KAF. It was great to smell the pine trees and clean air once again and I enjoyed the surprise snow storm even when most where cursing it. Too difficult to run in the snow so I settled for lots of walking through the bush including one day when I was accompanied by a rather sleepy looking moose. 2 weeks went very quickly and it seemed I only managed to link up with half of the friends I'd planned to meet. Next thing I knew it was time to wing my way back to the sandbox. Felt good to get back to KAF and the routine. Even after just 3 weeks away I was amazed at the changes. More construction, more aircraft and almost 5000 more US troops. The expansion continues at a relentless pace. The thunder and roar of aircraft continues 24 hours a day. More than 150 combat helicopters arrived in a 4-week period. We are now getting more desk-diving thanks to an increase in rocket attacks.



Mine rollers

Combat casualties have dropped dramatically as the poppy harvest consumes most fighting age males in this

labour intensive effort. ISAF forces have conducted some major disrupt operations and have knocked off several large drug labs in recent days. The Pakistani government's assault into the Swat Valley finds the Taliban now squeezed between two forces determined to take them out. The PM and Defence Minister dropped in on us unannounced a few weeks ago. They both spoke well. The PM actually stuck around and served coffee and ice caps to every soldier there. He spent almost an hour doing so. What a touch of class. Too bad Taliban Jack couldn't take some time out and head over and spread his tidings of joy!!

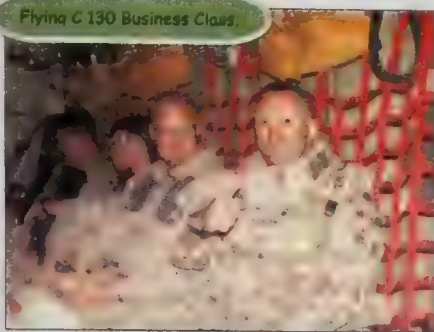


The election countdown continues and although there are now many candidates coming forth to challenge President Karzai, it still looks like only a coalition could beat him. The people are weary of this government and the growing curse of corruption. Voter registrations are just over 90% and we hope this translates into a big turn out on the 20<sup>th</sup> of August.

As with my last tour in Sierra Leone, I find 6-month deployments too short. One is really only effective for 4 months or so when travel, R&R, handovers and the inevitable learning curve are all factored in. Except for those troops engaged in the high-risk tasks, the rest of us should be on 9 month rotations. My tour is quickly coming to an end and my replacement has now been identified. He'll be on the ground late June for a 5-day handover. Making the days count!!

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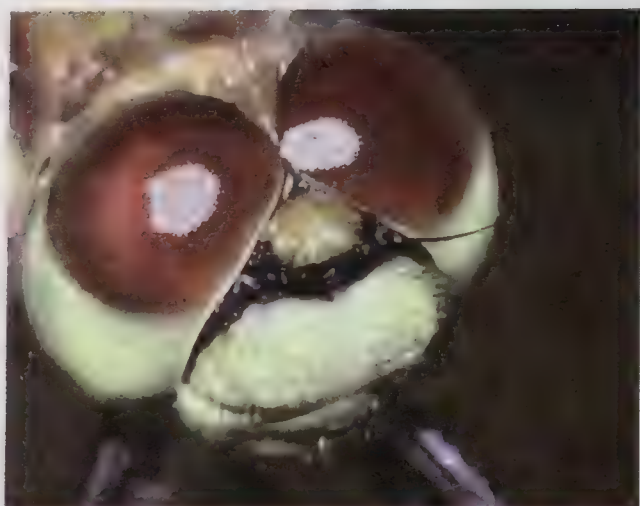
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## It's a Jungle out There

It looks like summer has finally arrived, and along with it, flowers and all the small, teeny critters that disappear from sight over the cold winter months. It is apparent from the state of my backyard that I will never obtain the coveted title of "lawn queen" or "garden guru" officially unrecognized, but seemingly coveted awards that many of my neighbours continually seem to be vying for. My yard looks something akin to a field, but the truth is it's actually a jungle.

No, there are no wild cats or elephants, but if you look closely you can observe never-ending battles for food, habitat, mates and survival. Friendships and alliances also seem to exist, although I rather doubt that grasshoppers and ants discriminate among acquaintances, friendships and lovers. Regardless of purpose, many of the small life forms abundant in yards and roadsides offer a magnificent array of colour, fascinating structures and interesting behavior, all of which easily match those of their larger brethren.

What often goes unnoticed by the naked eye is incredibly fascinating when observed close up. One can't help but feel sympathy for the tiny ant getting its head literally ripped off by a ferocious opponent, one participant among hundreds in a war that rivals anything we humans have waged. The helpless frog being slowly devoured alive by the resident garden snake brings forth the question as to whether frogs have emotions, even at the risk of feeling somewhat stupid for entertaining the idea. Witnessing such a prolonged death is somewhat disconcerting; despite the victim being "just a frog".

Whether observing the doomed frog, the wee Skipper or bee caught in the death grip of a spider or the helpless fly struggling to free itself from a gooey web, clichés such as, "it's the way of nature, law of the jungle and survival of the fittest" unwittingly come to mind. You don't need cable, satellite or your local theater to witness these events, just take a stroll into your personal jungle with a camera or magnifying glass. If you are patient, you will be witness to most anything you can catch at the movies; war, violence, beauty, sci-fi, athletic prowess, and yes, even porno! ■



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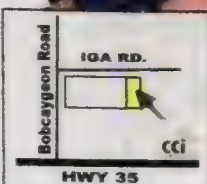


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# Play On! A play Within a Play and a Funny Night Out

A gemstone with a storied past and a fatal curse.  
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The Delhi Diamond?  
The White Rangapur Ruby?  
The Darjeeling Diamond?  
Ah never mind.  
What's in a name anyway?

**Terrance Gavan**  
*Staff Reporter*

In the case of Play On! - an uproariously funny play by Rick Abbot, currently running at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion as part of the Highlands Summer Festival (July 27 to August 7) - the name, by golly, is everything.

When a theatre group is offered a royalty-free play "Murder Most Foul" from a new playwright Phyllis Montague, the group jumps at the chance to put the theatre back into the black for the first time in years.

Royalties can bite into any amateur acting troupe's bottom line.

One should take care however.

And probably wise to hearken that old saw, born from Troy: "Beware of playwrights bearing gifts."

The premise of the play revolves around the group - including their "desperately seeking valium" director Gerry Dunbar, and their long-suffering stage manager Aggie Manville - who strive to put on the play, while Montague continues to revise the script right up to opening night.

During the actual performance of the play in Act Three, it's every actor for him or herself.

The script revisions take their tawdry toll. Opening night jitters compound the problems.

The three incarnations of the DarRangDelhi Diamond come into play, sound effects are warbled and warped, the villain and the hero are both in various states of intoxication and Murphy's Law of Script Revisionism takes a firm hold of all the players.

Play On! is funny, funny stuff.

Under the steady hand of director Greg Peterson who has directed over 40 professional productions in central Canada - credits including an apprenticeship with Robin Phillips at the Stratford Festival - Play On! literally leaps from the page and onto the Northern Lights Stage.

It's a fabulous night of comedy. "When I first read Play On! I laughed out loud, which, for an old jaded, painted 'whore' of the theater seemed a very good sign," writes Peterson in the liner notes.

He's absolutely right. The slow progression of the first two acts gives us some initial inkling that opening night may be headed for the tankeroo.

But the way the real playwright Abbot - and indeed the full cast of these wonderful Highlands actors - bring it off is extraordinarily hilarious.

Kathryn Boyd, a five-year veteran of the festival, is superb in her portrayal of Gerry Dunbar the rapidly spinning down a rabbit hole director of "Murder Most Foul." She's occupied both on and off stage throughout the course of the play, and she carries her umbrage with the effective resonance of a young "Scorese in Crisis."

Susan Blayney plays Phyllis, the overbearing and ditzy playwright. Blayney is superb in her role. She first acted at the Haliburton High School 39 years ago and now that she's retired she's happily ensconced back on the boards.

Another offstage persona is the harried sound technician Lou Peary, played by Logan Brown. Brown seems to inject his own intimate knowledge of the theater to his role as Lou. (Brown is a regular at Toronto's Bad Dog Theater) Lou is at once a foil and a focal point, and brings some strong insight to the role as the somewhat A.D.D. afflicted sound guy.

One wonders if the Bad Dog Theater has had such a night of pure and utter mayhem. Because Brown seems utterly at home as Lou Peary, the duct tape wielding voice of staggered reason.

Especially convincing when he storms from the theater after discovering that the meddling Phyllis has erased his whole reel of sound effects the night before the show's opening. Marvelous melt down.

Karen Frybort brings long-suffering patient charm to her role as Stage Manager Aggie Manville. Aggie bears the solid brunt of Phyllis's many revisions and as the pressure mounts we see Frybort as Aggie slowly melting away into the scenery. A fine performance in a crucial role.

Of course the 'play's the thing' and that said, it's the players that bring this play to its ludicrous denouement.

Lauren McInnes plays Polly Benish as Lady Margaret with David Mills as Henry Benish playing Lord Dudley. Jasmin Purnell as Smitty Smith playing Doris the Maid is only 16, but brings a great performance as the quick-witted, slick talking Doris.

Jordyn Archer plays the love interest Violet Imbry with panache. She wears a ridiculous blonde wig as Diana Lassiter in the play, but is constantly at odds with the playwright's penchant for skewing her role with randomly outlandish and ever evolving love interests.

Tim Nicholson as Saul Watson and Benton Brown as Billy Carew round out the cast for this fine night of fun.

Nicholson and Brown play the villain Dr. Rex Forbes and hero Stephen Sellers respectively.

Their drunken duet in the Third Act is worth the price of admission.

But come and discover for

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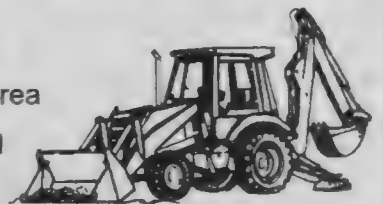
(L-R) Jasmin Purnell, Benton Brown, Jordyn Archer, David Mills and Lauren McInnes are starring in the Highlands Summer Festival hilarious production of Play On! which runs from July 27 to August 7 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

(L-R) David Mills as Henry Benish, and Lauren McInnes as Polly Benish get into all kinds of muddle as the bumbling demi-semi-royals Lady Margaret and Lord Dudley in Play On! a comedy in three acts by Rick Abbot.

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## Have Your Say... VOX POP

We asked people, "Did you know that by September 15, 2009, all boaters who operate any kind of powered boat must have a Pleasure Craft Operator card? Are you a boater? If so, how long have you been boating? What's your opinion of the changes to these regulations?"



Amy Weeks, Oshawa – "I have seen the boat training representative around before, but have never approached them to find out it was they were doing. I'm not a boater myself, so I don't pay attention to those kinds of rules and regulations. When at the cottage I tend to soak up the sun with friends and family and socialize. None of us are really into power boating. Canoe's and kayaks are more my thing. The regulation sounds like a good thing. It's better to be safe than sorry."



Colin Elliot, Toronto – "I don't have a Pleasure Craft Operator card just yet, but I definitely plan on getting one before the due. When exactly, I'm not sure. It really depends on when I have time in my busy schedule. I don't own my own boat, but I do like to take out the family boat for a spin once in a while. I've been going on the occasional ride for the past few summers. I don't think there's anything bad about the change in regulations. For boaters it should be as simple as renewing their vehicle sticker."



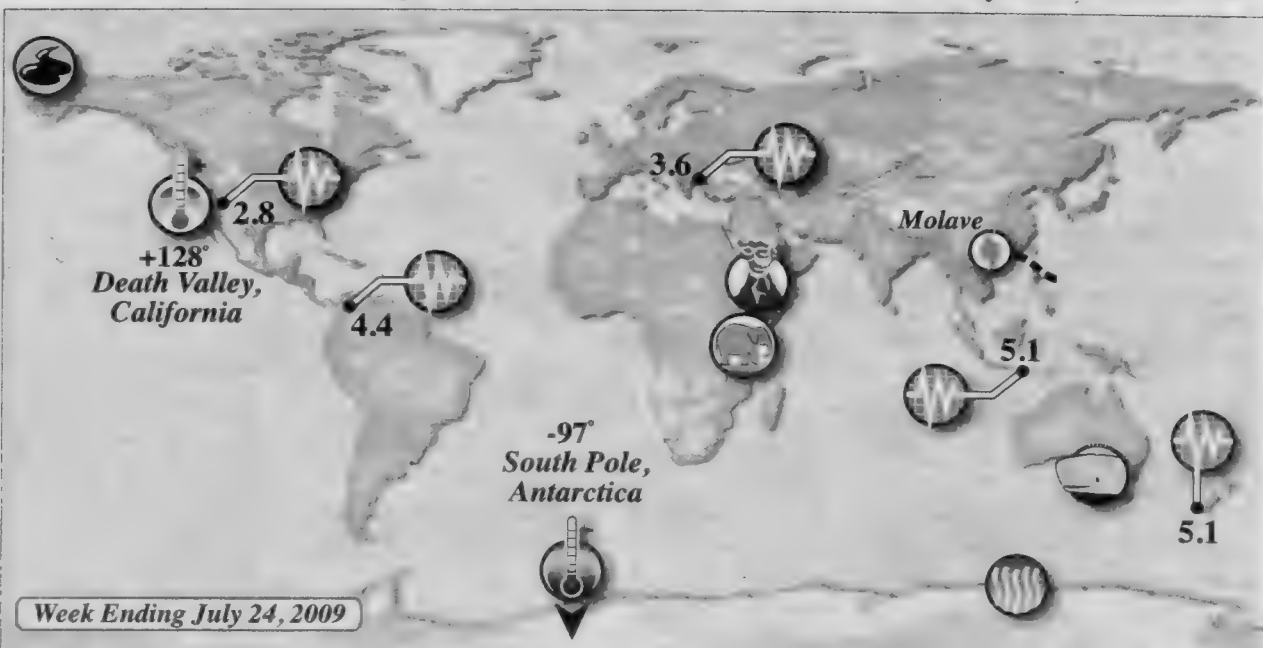
Ian Moyles, Belleville – "Yes, I heard about the change quite a while ago in a news article. I'm not a boater, but I have many friends and family members who are. I go out for the occasional ride with them, but I'm not the one operating the boat. I don't really think that the change is a major one. For the experienced boaters, they really have nothing to worry about it. Those new to the recreational activity might have to catch up on their studying though!"



Josh Brimble, Toronto – "Yes, I've known about that for quite some time now. I've had my card since last summer. I love the feeling of freedom that boating provides when I'm cottaging in the summer. It's definitely one of my favourite things to do when I'm lucky enough to get some down time. I've been on boats since I was a young kid, so I learned the ropes early on. I think it's definitely a good thing that enforcement on the water takes place. It gives people some piece of mind, knowing that others are competent when it comes to operating their equipment."

## Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



### Elephant Starvation



East Africa's erratic primary rainy season arrived late then ended abruptly last month, leaving both humans and wildlife in Kenya facing acute food shortages. Over the past two months, more than 40 elephants have died in Laikipia, Isiolo and Samburu districts. The deaths were initially thought due to an anthrax outbreak. But the *Daily Nation* reports that laboratory tests by the Kenya Wildlife Service (KWS) determined that the animals died of malnutrition. The famine appears to be affecting mainly young calves, who are unable to keep up with their mothers while grazing. They also cannot reach tall trees, which are about the only remaining food sources available for them, KWS says.

### Entangled Humpback



Fishermen in South Australia were asked to join a sea-and-air search for a humpback whale that became entangled in a rope while migrating through the waters of neighboring Victoria state. The rope appears to be wrapped around the marine mammal's tail, which could prove fatal. "Essentially it would cut through the skin and muscle," said Environment Department spokeswoman Deb Kelly. She told reporters that the department is ready to dispatch eight rangers to assist the whale if it can be sighted again.

### Tropical Cyclone



Typhoon Molave left a string of fatalities across the northern Philippines before bringing downpours and high winds to Taiwan, Hong Kong and China's Guangdong province. The storm formed from an area of disturbed weather off the northeastern Philippines, then

gained strength as it produced torrential rainfall and flash flooding over Luzon Island. The floodwaters were responsible for the five fatalities in the Philippines, with waist-deep water reported in metropolitan Manila and four provinces.

### Earthquakes



A weak earthquake centered in western New Mexico may have triggered extraordinary flows from a riverside spring about 100 miles away. The 2.8 magnitude tremor struck late Thursday, July 16, in the remote San Mateo Mountains. The following morning, landowners along the Pecos River, approximately 100 miles northeast of the epicenter, noticed that a spring was discharging about five times its normal flow of water.

• Earth movements were also felt in the southern New Zealand aftershock zone, Bali, southern Bulgaria and northern Colombia.

### Balmy Antarctica



Scientists at Australia's Casey Antarctic station say they recorded some of the warmest July weather on record earlier this month at the site. Researchers told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. that after weeks of blizzards, they received a few days of relative warmth. But that meant maximum temperatures still reached only 36 degrees Fahrenheit with lows dipping to 27 degrees at the height of the warm wave. Bureau of Meteorology forecaster Steve Pendlebury told the ABC that once-in-a-decade wind patterns are the likely cause of northeastern Antarctica's balmy July. Currently in the depth of the southern winter, Casey receives only about 5 hours of sun each day. Temperatures there have recently returned to more reasonable readings with occasional blizzards.

### Ethiopian Eruption



A vast amount of lava has spewed since late June from a remote volcanic complex in Ethiopia's Danakil Depression, a desert area spanning the border with Eritrea. The eruptive activity was first noticed by space-based thermal sensors, which detected heat from the lava spewing across parts of Afar province. The area is home to mainly nomadic herders and has seen three other eruptions of the Manda Hararo volcanic field since the first activity in modern times there began in August 2007. That eruption killed five people and hundreds of livestock while forcing 50,000 nomads to flee.

### Alaska's Mystery Blob



Eskimo hunters aboard a small boat off Alaska's remote northwest coast came across a huge, dark floating mass in the Chukchi Sea earlier this month, raising fear of an oil spill or other environmental hazard. The gunk, which appeared to be entirely black when floating against ice, soon became known simply as "the blob." Samples were rushed to a lab in Anchorage, which quickly determined that the blob was actually just a simple plant, or algae. "Filamentous algae" to be exact, according to University of Alaska Fairbanks marine science expert Terry Whitledge. "It means it's just stringy," Whitledge told the *Anchorage Daily News*. But when asked if the sudden appearance of algae in Arctic waters could be connected to global warming, Whitledge was reluctant to make a connection. "The water's actually very cold this year compared to other years," he said.

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# Schoolhouse Historical Society Celebrates Heritage Day

Liz Danielsen  
Staff Reporter



On Saturday friends and families gathered together at the community centre in Highland Grove to celebrate Heritage Day. A book fair and sales from a variety of items including leather goods, maple syrup, baked goods as well as hamburgers and hot dogs all went a long way toward raising funds for the Schoolhouse Historical Society's new home in the refurbished Kidd Schoolhouse Museum.

The society has long been working on the genealogy of families in the area and at the moment are concentrating on families from Cardiff township. Society Treasurer Joanne Burroughs said that one of the society's goals in holding Heritage Day was encourage residents to come out for a fun afternoon and trace their family members, even take the time to make some additions or amendments to the work that has already been completed.

Burroughs and Hilda Clark were sitting contentedly in the community hall where the society's genealogical records were spread out. Clark, who is a local history buff herself, said that her grandparents were gone before she was born. She was busy tracing family members and even discovered a family member she hadn't been aware of.

Burroughs said, "We have families with as many as five generations still living," which no doubt goes a long way in helping to trace lost generations.

Burroughs said that the Society had hoped to have the old schoolhouse open for visitors to view the work that has been completed to date as a result of a lot of volunteer work over and above their Trillium Foundation grant. She said, "The outside still needs some chinking, but we're hoping to have our next heritage meeting in the museum."

The schoolhouse museum will be used primarily as a genealogy resource centre. Burroughs and Michele Smith are two of the society's primary researchers and over 30 family histories have been completed with as many as 50 more being works in progress. Their primary goal is to have published family histories on all of the pioneer families from Cardiff Township and area.

The society has countless old family and homestead photographs that have been collected along with a myriad of other official documents that have been donated by area families.

While there will be some artefacts on exhibit, some of which will be on loan and will result in revolving displays and there will be a number of antiques. One area of the museum will be set up like a school with old school desks and the original slates from the Tory Hill School (rescued by Ken Noble and donated by the Municipality). ■



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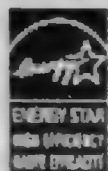
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## Lake Planning, Loons in Distress, Camp Wanakita, and ATVs

### Koshlong Lake Association Holds AGM

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

**"I'll show you mine if you show me yours." (Dennis Choptiany)**

Rain beat down on the roof of Camp Wanakita's Lakeview Cottage as approximately 40 members, new and old, gathered for the Koshlong Lake Association (KLA's) annual general meeting on Saturday, July 18th. But rain didn't dispel the enthusiasm of members as they discussed concerns around the lake, appointed new executive members and listened to the next phase of their lake planning process.

Association Chair Karen Beaudoin introduced the executive and guests and as the group in attendance was relatively small, in a refreshing change each association

member introduced themselves. Beaudoin offered thanks to those who had helped with special events and reminded members that they must have their pleasure boat operator's card by the September 15th deadline.

After the minutes from 2008 AGM were adopted and Treasurer Barb Allan reviewed the financial statements, outgoing Lake Steward Terry Corbett gave his final Lake Steward's report. Corbett reported that Peter Carruthers would be taking over his duties, but that he would still be around to help and would go over all of the ground work with him.

Corbett reported that he had taken water samples at the end of May and the results should be available soon. He said, "There was virtually no cloud or waves and we got excellent samples." Corbett said he was pleased to be able to report that visibility was 12 to 13 feet. He also confirmed that e-coli testing would be done during the summer.

Corbett noted that he had found a rare blue spotted salamander and that pictures would be available on the website for everyone to see. He also asked members to submit photos of wildlife to (koshlonglake@gmail.com). Corbett reported that the previous week a loon had been caught in a fishing line and was at risk. He asked that members advise their lake steward about any endangered animals. He said, "Don't give up on them even though they can be dangerous. There are ways to save them and we should all try to take care of both the animals and their environment."

Steve Heming, General Manager of YMCA Wanakita gave a brief update on camp activities. According to Heming, the status quo remains this year, which he said was particularly nice given the economic times. "I was worried about registration, but we're having a solid year and our numbers are even a bit higher than last year."

Heming referred to concerns raised in the media about H1N1 at summer camps and said they had had absolutely no issues. "We have been very proactive on hygiene and hand sanitation has been very much a part of our culture and we've been lucky. We're also fortunate to have doctors and nurses on site every day during the summer season."

Asked if there were any plans for expansion of the camp, Heming responded that the YMCA of Hamilton/Burlington/Brantford had submitted a Stimulus application for \$1.2 million dollars part of which would improve the dining hall, staff housing and user accommodation as well as enlarging the year round kitchen. He said, "We have 135 buildings and 100 acres and we're really looking after the place rather than expanding." Heming confirmed that one of the programs had received funding, but not Wanakita in this round.

Heming mentioned the fact that from time to time there are long distance swimmers spotted in the middle of the lake with no accompanying craft. He urged those in attendance to ensure that long distance swimmers were accompanied by boats for safety, lifeguarding and to give advance notice to boaters that there is someone in the water ahead.

Taking care of the remaining official business of the day, Beaudoin advised the members that they had one donation under consideration, being a \$500 donation to Wanakita to be used to relocate and refurbish their Treasure Boxes. This donation was approved.

Beaudoin also advised that the association need to fill two board positions. While no-one initially leaped to the task, after some thought, both Jackie Forsey and Paul Lewis offered to fill the positions.

On a question from a member about continued uranium concerns, Past President Dennis Choptiany advised that a rally would be held at Queen's Park in September. He urged members wishing to show their support of amendments to the modified Mining Act to attend. "We not directly affected at this time, but it could be seen as an elephant in the back room."

Choptiany spoke of the continued ability for claims to be staked on Crown land without the need for environmental assessments. He asked members to continue to check FUME's website and to look for announcements about the rally if they were interested in taking part.

Beaudoin said, "What each of us as individuals can do about this hot issue is to contact our MPP's and MP's in our home jurisdictions to make them aware of our concerns."

During a question and answer period strong concerns were voiced about the impact of Back Country Tours' activities on the area. For the information of new members Corbett detailed that the operation had started up three years ago on a residential property that offered four season tours using ATVs, Hummers and snow machines. The company's activities include overnight camping on the lake and boat cruises and have caused numerous concerns to residents, not to mention environmental damage.

Beaudoin, who confirmed that the road association was working on the problem, said, "We've been approached for support and a number of people continue to see activities in the area. Please let us know if you see any evidence of abuse of either the land or water on the lake."

Paul Lewis said, "This is something that the lake association should be working on with the

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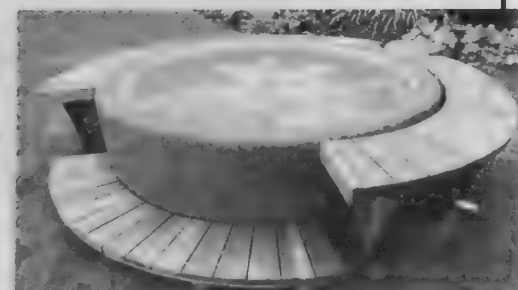
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# Koshlong Lake Association

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road association. There is activity continuing that affects everyone and the lake association has a much larger voice, particularly as people on one of the islands have had trouble and they aren't part of the road association."

Another member voiced frustration that the Haliburton County website was advertising a company that was involved in illegal activity (owner Dudley Hooking was fined in 2007 for constructing a trail on Crown land without a permit).

Beaudoin confirmed that she continued to get feedback on the issue, but that it had been anecdotal. She said it had been difficult to gauge where the overall membership stood on the issue, adding that if more incidents were reported it would give more credence to taking action.

Corbett confirmed that one municipality had been involved in some of the issues encountered on the Koshlong Lake Road. He said Highlands East by-law officer Terry Graham is aware of concerns and was taking action wherever he could. He also urged members to call the OPP if anyone was spotted operating an ATV or boat who appeared to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Concerns were raised that lack of involvement by the lake association about continuing commercial activity on the lake spoke volumes and by that the lack of action eventually anyone would be able to open an operation along the lake.

Choptiany, responding to the impression that KLA had done nothing, advised that meetings had been held with municipal by-law enforcement as well as MNR about ATV's disturbing residents and tearing up Crown land. He said that since that time the assembly area had been relocated and the municipality feel they have no jurisdiction. Choptiany commented that this year the company's operations had increased.

Heming confirmed that ATV's were crossing Wanakita land and that a number of people on Fallowfield Road had gone to the municipality trying to determine what operations, if any, had been approved. Heming said that they had had little success or cooperation.

After considerable discussion, a resolution was put forward directing the Board to become more actively involved in stopping further activity on or around the lake. Concerns were raised about being too specific which would tie the board's hands, so the resolution simply stated that the membership wished to have the Board become involved.

Beaudoin confirmed that the board members would be meeting immediately after the AGM and would be keeping all of the members abreast of their activities. She asked for incidents of things like tents being set up or vehicles being washed in the lake to be reported as well as photos submitted wherever possible.

Beaudoin also asked the membership how they wanted to handle mounting legal costs, should it come to that. Suggestions of increased dues, borrowing from the firebox fund or direct contributions to a legal fund established specifically for this purpose were brought forward. One member suggested investigating whether there were any lawyers on the lake who may be interested in offering pro bono work and another suggested there should be a limit to what was spent or borrowed. The matter was left in the board's 'capable and careful hands.'

Dennis Choptiany then gave a detailed presentation on the lake planning process. He said he'd initially sought out jokes about the lake planning process without success, but settled on "I'll show you mine if you show me yours" as the basis for sharing of information and plans from other lake associations.

Choptiany spoke of the importance of lake planning which would set long term direction for the lake and its watershed, the flora and fauna, the wildlife and the residents. He spoke of the first phase of the process that the association had completed in the form of a survey to establish the members' priorities. Other than taxes and water levels being high priorities (and which are out of the association's control) wildlife, jet boating, boat wakes & speed, noise, ATving, outdoor lighting and pollution topped the list. (For more information, refer to KLA's Wavelength publication at koshlonglake.ca.)

Choptiany referred to FOCA's lake planning guidebook and the need for a process to be followed when establishing a lake plan. He said the next steps would be to assemble teams to work on various aspects of a draft plan over the next year, hold a number of workshops and finally gain the acceptance of the membership. He also confirmed the need for 75 percent acceptance from the lake community before the municipality would consider concerns, using boat houses and shoreline protection as examples.

Choptiany estimated that the draft plan would be ready in one year and the 'penultimate plan' would be in the members' hands approximately two years from now, adding that every effort would be made to get feedback from the lake community to the greatest extent possible throughout the process.

He said that it was very important that as well as the municipalities, MOE and MNR's involvement, Heming must be a key player as the plan must involve Wanakita to assist in determining what qualities and characteristics are preserved on the lake. ■

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## Dining for a Dollar

Watercolours Teams Up With Community Care  
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For just \$1 per snack, people had the opportunity to feast on some of Franka Andriano's finest creations in support of a good cause.

This past Saturday, over \$350 was raised to benefit services provided by Community Care of Haliburton County during "Dollar Delicacies" – a fundraiser made possible through a partnership between Watercolours Lifestyle Condominiums and the not-for-profit organization which the event was held for.

"They (Community Care) will be providing all of their services to Watercolours residents such as homemaking, meals on wheels, emergency response, therapeutic swim classes..." explained Sharon Snitman, Principal and Co-Founder of Symbol Communities Inc.

Snitman said she initially approached Andriano, the owner of Franka's Cafe & Catering Service, about making the food for the event which was held at the Watercolours presentation on Highland St.

Some of the scrumptious items on the filling menu in-

cluded Thai rolls, French brie pecan tarts, cranberry crostini, Vietnamese cold rolls, burrito wraps and brownies.

"We're thrilled about this partnership," said Hilary Elia, Community Care Resource Development Coordinator. "Anything that we can do to create community partnerships

and raise awareness is a good thing."

While at the fundraiser, Snitman pointed out that the Watercolours condominium will be a green-friendly building in several ways.

"To save money for residents we will be heating and cooling with geothermal and we will have a green roof on the building," she said.

Though the delicious event is now in the past, you can come and catch some great entertainment

at the Watercolours presentation every Wednesday at noon when Art Hive artists put on live art demonstrations.

The presentation centre is located just below the Moose FM offices on Highland Street in Haliburton. ■



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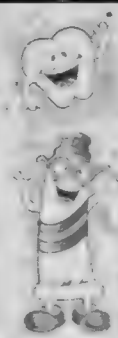
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## Flower Enthusiasts take a Sentimental Journey through Three Decades



What will surely go down in the record books as the infamous spring and summer of 09 had local horticulturists concerned as to whether there would be enough flowers for their annual show. The theme for this year's exhibition was Sentimental Journey. Only time will tell what sentiments will be expressed when gardeners look back on this summer's growing season.

Regardless of the unusually cool summer, the Minden and District Horticultural Society's 30th annual Flower Show went off without a hitch. There were plenty of blooms and lots of veggies along with some special exhibits and two beautifully decorated cakes in celebration of the show's thirty years, and Minden's sesquicentennial.

During opening ceremonies at the Minden Community Center this past Friday, co-convenor, Linda Pentney, welcomed guests, while Eleanor Kernohan received a plaque in recognition of her many years of service. Elizabeth Carrell, the first president of the horticultural society, and original director, Gwen Cox, reminisced and shared tales of their three decades of local "flower power".

Representing Minden Hills and the Horticulture Society, the cake-cutting honours were shared by Minden's reeve, Jim McMahon along with Gwen Cox and Elizabeth Carrell. McMahon praised the work that the society does to make the downtown attractive and concluded by saying that, "It's the volunteers who make the town, not the elected officials."

This year's show included a special exhibit sponsored by the Minden Hills Museum. "Historically Yours" featured models of a variety of buildings and activities from the area's past. The miniature constructions were intricate and beautifully assembled; also included were old photographs and/or drawings of the original structures. First prize was awarded to Deb Mansfield for her "Valley View Inn" (Rockcliffe) entry. Linda Pentney's "Clergy House" came second and also won the People's Choice Award, while Carol Simmons' "Irondale Church" placed third.

The "best overall in show" flower was a magnificent Hollyhock grown by Linda Pentney, while an arrangement of roses assembled by Anna Holloway was declared "judges' favourite". The "most overall points prize" was awarded to Rose Paliwoda and the "top juniors" were James Alexander and Aidan Garbutt. Liz Case won the "Committee Choice" award with her garden arrangement. ■



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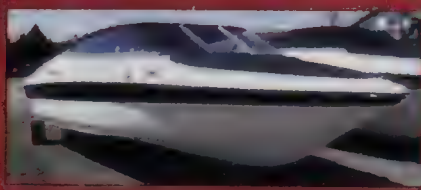
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**Minden Lake - \$349,000**

Spectacular point lot with 405 feet of sandy beachfront-perfect for the kids! This three bedroom fully winterized cottage/home features: brick fireplace, large country kitchen, new flooring, new heating system, separate one bedroom guest suite with own bath and much more. Very nicely decorated throughout.



**Kashagawigamog Lake - \$439,500**

Family owned since 1946, this property features a two bedroom home with five furnished guest cabins, two car garage and great docking. Featuring 264 feet of lakefront with western exposure. The zoning allows the property to be used as a family resort, bed and breakfast, marina etc. or ideal property to build your dream home! Estate Sale.



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**Kennisis Lake - \$449,700**

Terraced property with a remarkable stone pathway to the lake. 105 ft of sand beach and open view. The cottage is fully insulated with a UV system for potable water. Features include hardwood floors, oak kitchen, triple glazed windows, Cedar Cathedral ceiling, heat lamp, and vibrant colours. The peace & tranquility is immeasurable here.



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**Deeded Access - \$159,900**

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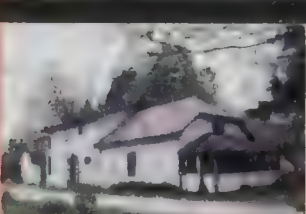


**Kashagawigamog Lake - \$789,900**

Custom home w/lots of wood & windows, vaulted ceilings & beams, large gourmet custom kitchen w/composite counter tops & cherry cabinets, dry stacked stone fp, 2nd storey master suite w/bath, sitting room & balcony. 'Carriage House' w/ a single garage. 23'x12' workshop/studio & charming 2nd storey guest quarters overlooking the lake.



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**Water Street - \$169,000**

Large 5 bedroom in town home with main floor wheel chair access. Large principal room, separate apt. upstairs, could be 2 with walk out to large deck. Level land with 2 other sheds, 3 bathrooms complete the package.



**Kushog Lake - \$165,500**

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**Starter or Retirement - \$134,900**

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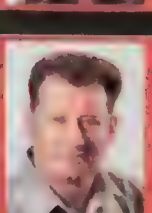
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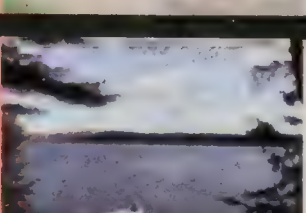


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**Soyers Lake - \$329,000**

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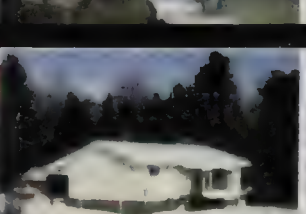


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**Bitter Lake - \$179,900**

Bitter Lake property with 150 ft. of frontage, good sand shoreline, docks, old boathouse. Has a cottage that should be demolished. .8 of an acre on a year round road. Lovely spring fed lake, and privacy plus on this well treed lot.



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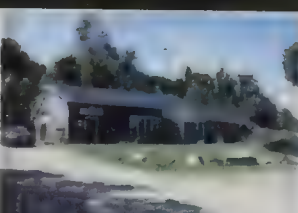


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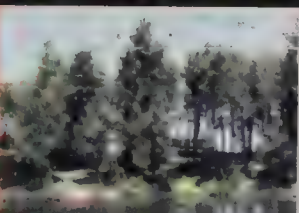


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**Old Donald Road - \$229,000**

New country home built in 2008 - 1100 sq. ft. - modern and bright new kitchen with island - hardwood floors throughout - 2 + 2 bedrooms - main floor laundry - 2 bathrooms - fully finished w/o basement - propane high eff. heat - attached 2 car garage - fantastic view - 1.5 acres



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**Canning Lake - \$499,000**

Total Privacy awaits you at this end of the road. Heavily wooded property. Scandinavian inspired main cottage is in pristine condition with 3 bedrooms, 2 baths and modern kitchen. The big lake view is spectacular. Separate modern guest cottage 15' X 17' with 3 piece bath and huge bedroom/living room area. Sauna building at the waterfront which is sandy and deep off the dock.



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**Kashagiwigamog Lake - \$599,400**

Opportunity awaits whether you are looking for a year round home or cottage. Outstanding view and location with convenient access. Features a 3 bdrm, 3 bathroom structure with main living area OPEN in concept with cathedral ceiling in the Kitchen and Dining Room. fully finished walkout basement...add a 2 car detached garage and you have the makings of incredible value. Call today for all the details.



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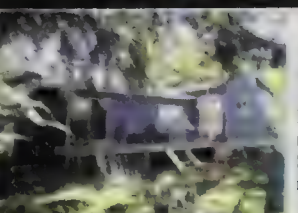


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**Benoir Lake - \$359,900**

A four season waterfront home on Benoir Lake, just 20 minutes from Wilberforce. This 3 bedroom home/cottage features an open concept, master bedroom with walkout to deck, sunroom with w/o to deck, stone fireplace. Bunkie and detached double car garage with large loft. This beautiful setting on a mature lot shows pride of ownership. A must to see!!



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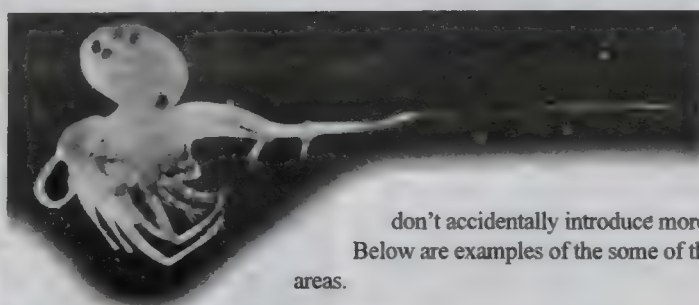
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can look out for them and take the necessary steps to ensure that they themselves don't accidentally introduce more of these species to Haliburton County. Below are examples of some of the species – plants and animals – that are either already in the county or are in nearby areas.

**Terrestrial Invasive Plants** – plants that are usually introduced to an area through human activities such as tourism, travel and trade. The natural ways in which they can spread are through wind, water and by way of animals. One introduced to an area, invasive plants can take over the landscape and threaten other species where they grow. According to Anderson's presentation, "90 per cent of the invasive plants in Canada are in Ontario."

### Garlic Mustard

Garlic Mustard is a species of plant that is prevalent in the Peterborough area. It is native to Europe and was introduced to the country by early settlers as a potherb green. Places in which this plant grows include uplands, flood plains, savannahs, yards and roadsides.

This invasive species has recently been shown to have a mechanism for invading our woodlots that has a greater impact than previously known. It slows the growth of native trees to one-tenth, as well as regeneration, by harming soil fungus that the hardwoods depend upon.

The plant, in its first year, has kidney shaped leaves with scalloped edges. In its second year it features triangular shaped toothed leaves.

### Japanese Knotweed

Anderson says that this plant is "pretty damaging" because it forms thick, dense colonies that completely crowd out any other herbaceous plant species.

"They are incredibly difficult to control," said Anderson while pointing out that Japanese Knotweed is capable of growing right up through concrete and asphalt. The plant is considered one of the world's 100 worst invasive species by the World Conservation Union, an international organization dedicated to natural resource conservation.

The plant features hollow, bamboo like stems, as well as flowers that are small and white. While stems may reach a maximum height of 3-4 metre each growing season, it is typical to see much smaller plants in places where they sprout through cracks in the pavement or are repeatedly cut down.

Its flowers are produced in the late summer and early fall.

### Giant Hogweed

Giant Hogweed is originally from western Asia. It was introduced to Britain in the 19th century for ornamental purposes. This plant can grow to be extremely tall – up to five metres and includes numerous white flowers clustered in an umbrella-shaped head that is up to 2.5-feet in diameter. Its flowers form from late spring to mid-summer.

The plant is particularly annoying to humans, causing severe skin inflammations when the skin is touched and exposed to the UV-rays of the Sun. The bottom line is: you should definitely stay away from this invasive plant! Unless, of course, you are using protective clothing and when handling or digging it out.

Anderson advises that if you plan on removing it, do it as follows.

"Cut the flowering stock off and head and leave it out in the Sun for a couple of days in order to destroy the seeds," she explained. "Make sure to dig up the plant."

### Dog Strangling Vines

"This is an extremely aggressive plant from Eurasia," said Anderson.

The plant is a member of the milkweed family and was introduced to the U.S. in the mid-1800s. It has been present in the Toronto area for many decades and has worked its way up to Peterborough.

These herbaceous perennial vines can grow from one to two metres in height and will thrive in sun, shade and all soil conditions. Their leaves are dark, shiny green, opposite, oval to oblong in shape, 5-10 centimetres long, with rounded bases and pointed tips.

Flowering begins in late June as clusters of small pink, red-brown or maroon flowers are produced at stem tips and upper branches. Fruits are thin, 4-6 centimetre long pods that split open to release several fluffy white seeds similar to native milkweed.

They are harmful in open areas because they form dense patches that 'strangle' other plants and small trees. They are also hazardous to monarch butterflies because they prohibit the larvae of eggs from surviving.

### Norway Maple

The Norway Maple can grow to be 60-65 feet in height with a trunk diameter of as much as 6-7 feet. It's a large deciduous tree with a broad, rounded crown that can be easily distinguishable from other Maple's because the leaves and twigs ooze milky sap when cut or torn.

Their negative impacts are that they are an invader of urban and suburban forests, thus reducing the biodiversity present. These trees, which also create densely shaded areas in their clustered growth, have become quite a big problem in Toronto.

### Emerald Ash Borer

This highly is a highly destructive green insect that attacks and kills ash trees. Originally from Asia, it is most often introduced to an area by way of improperly treated wood packaging materials that are transported. It was first discovered in Windsor, Ontario and Detroit, Michigan in 2002.

"You buy firewood from the area that you are going to burn it in," advised Anderson, when asked how to help prevent the importation of the bug.

This bug has been responsible for killing millions of ash trees in Southwestern Ontario, Michigan and surrounding states, and poses a major economic and environmental threat to urban and forested areas in both countries.

Federal Ministerial Orders prohibit the movement of specific ma-

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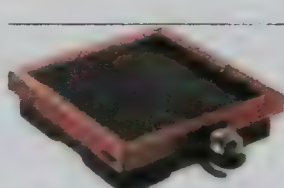
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materials, including any ash materials and firewood of all species from specific areas of Ontario and Quebec. Anyone caught violating these restrictions is subject to a fine and/or prosecution.

**Aquatic Invasive Species** – both aquatic plants and animal species. They can easily be spread through lakes, rivers and wetlands, and their impact can be devastating on native flora and fauna – plant and wildlife. These invasive species are being spread unintentionally and intentionally, and are becoming a widespread problem in North America. Their establishment and spread threatens ecosystems, habitats or species. Natural pathways that they get here by include plants, animals, insects, and people can introduce them via boating, international travel, luggage, clothing, live bait, ATV's, gardens and aquarium releases. There are over 186 of these invasive species in the Great Lakes.

## Zebra Mussels

The Zebra Mussel is a small (3-5 centimetre long), freshwater clam with a brown cream-coloured striped shell originally from Eurasia. It was first discovered in North America in St. Clair in 1988. They spread quickly into all of the Great Lakes, the St. Lawrence River, and connected waterways, and many inland lakes in Southern Ontario. The introduction of the Zebra Mussel has caused enormous changes to the Great Lakes basin ecosystem, and has had major economic and social impacts.

Zebra Mussels are highly adaptable and can survive in lakes with a wide range of environmental conditions. They are so damaging because they filter up to one litre of water per day and feed on tiny organisms in the water called phytoplankton. These organisms form the basis of the food web on which all aquatic life depends.

Zebra Mussels can impact aquatic systems in various ways. Since they filter large quantities of plankton, they can reduce the amount of food available for fish and other aquatic species. Large quantities of them cause clearer water, allowing sunlight to penetrate deeper. This forces light-sensitive fish, such as walleye, into deeper and darker waters, and it also encourages the growth of aquatic vegetation such as invasive plants like the Eurasian watermilfoil.

Zebra Mussels also affect society in a number of ways: they foul the bottom of boats, buoys, docks and other equipment; they attach to the insides of home, cottage and industrial water intake pipes, reducing water flow; and they cost millions of dollars each year to remove from power generating facilities and water treatment plants on the Great Lakes.

They also deter people from swimming in certain locations because their sharp shell's can cut the foot when stepped on.

To protect your lake and prevent the spread of zebra mussels and other invading species, take the following precautions before leaving

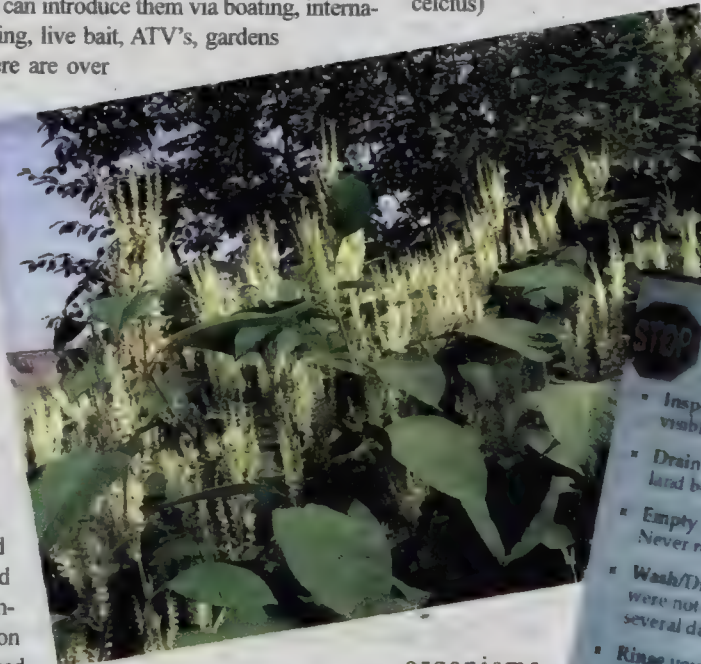
one body of water and entering another:

Inspect your boat, trailer and equipment – remove all plants, animals and mud, and dispose of them on dry land or in the garbage.

Drain water from the motor, live well, bilge and transom wells while on land.

Do not release live bait. Empty your bait bucket on dry land, or freeze or salt the bait for later use. It is illegal to release live bait fish from one water body to another.

Remove organism you can't see on your boat, trailer or equipment by: rinsing them with hot water, spraying with high-pressure water, drying them in the sun for at least five days, or submersing hard-to-clean fishing equipment and nets in hot water (40-degree-celsius) for 10 minutes.



Lakes basin ecosystem

organisms known as crustaceans. It is native to Europe and was introduced to Lake Ontario in 1982.

It has a "clumps look" and feels like gelatin or cotton batting with tiny black spots. They prefer deep lakes, but can establish in shallow waterbodies and rivers. They are abundant during the summer months (June – September), depending upon water temperatures.

The Spiny Water Flea disrupts the food chain and causes the decline of native zooplankton.

## Rusty Crayfish

The Rusty Crayfish is native to streams in the Ohio, Kentucky and Tennessee region. They might have been introduced to Canada by way of bait or improper aquarium releases.

They have a rusty colour to them and patches of green on their claws with dark black bands near the tip.

The Rusty Crayfish is an invasive species for several reasons. They displace native crayfish populations, they feed on just about anything in the water including aquatic plants, and they impact the fish nursery and spawning habitat.

The native crayfish species have been displaced in the areas of the Kawartha Lakes Region, northern Ontario and the northern Wisconsin lakes because of the Rusty Crayfish.

## Round Goby

Gobies belong to a large family of fish represented by many species throughout the world. Two species from eastern Europe, the round goby and the tubenose goby were introduced to the St. Clair River in the late 1980's. It is believed that both arrived in North America after being transported in the ballast water of ships originating from Eastern Europe. In the fall of 2005, the Ontario government amended the Ontario Fishery Regulations to make it illegal to possess round goby and tubenose goby alive. It is also illegal to use them as bait.

The Round Goby is a relatively small fish that lives on the bottom of lakes and rivers. It reaches lengths of up to 10 inches and lives for up to five years. They are typically brown in colour and resemble our native sculpins. An interesting feature they have is their pelvic fin – which is how you can tell the difference between them and sculpins. This fin is joined underneath the body to form a suction disc. The disc allows them to stay on the bottom of the water with fast currents. They also have a characteristic black spot on their first dorsal fin.

The Round Goby outcompetes native fish in the area in which it is introduced, it feeds on eggs and fry of sport fish, drives away native fish out of spawning areas, is a nuisance to anglers, and is a possible link to Botulism Type E in fish eating birds.

## Fanwort

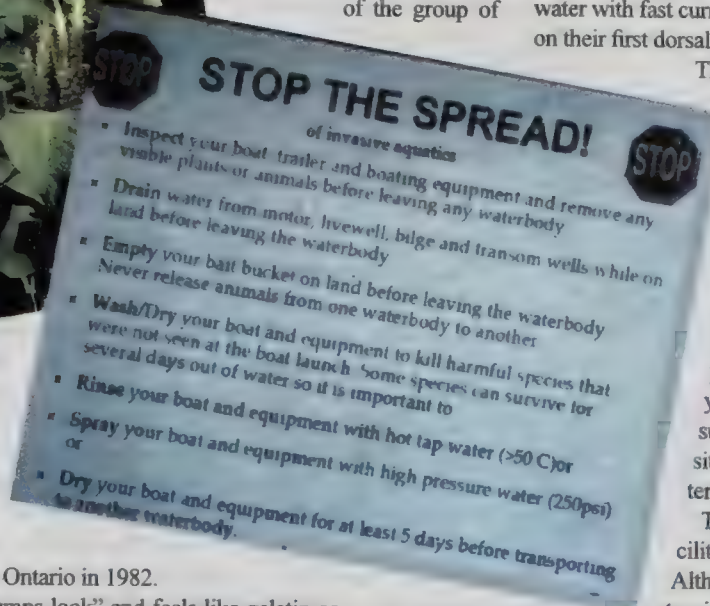
Fanwort's vibrant submergent foliage and hardy nature have made it a popular aquarium plant all around the world. It features a floating yellow centered flower with six white petals, submergent fan-shaped leaves arranged oppositely, and floating narrow leaves arranged alternately.

This popularity of this underwater plant has facilitated its invasion in Australia, Asia and India. Although its native range encompasses the subtropical and southern temperate climates of southeastern North America and South America, fanwort can withstand temperatures below zero and have thus invaded the province of Ontario, and the northern U.S. including the New England states, Michigan and Washington.

Once established, fanwort is an extremely persistent and competitive nuisance plant, forming dense stands that can crowd out other native plants, clog drainage canals, and restrict recreational uses such as swimming and boating.

Although fanwort doesn't appear to produce viable seed in northern climates, populations can become established from a single stem fragment vegetative reproduction and can be spread by recreational watercraft.

The above invasive species are just a handful of the many that actually exist. More information can be obtained by phone through the Invading Species Hotline at 1-800-563-7711 and online at [www.invadingspecies.com](http://www.invadingspecies.com). You can report your sightings of invasive species through these two avenues. ■



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# Stanhope Airport Public Meeting a Sell-out

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*"Most of the (Building Canada) projects do not require this sort of process, but this one does." (Keith Grady)*

The meeting hosted by Infrastructure Canada last Thursday evening, allowing residents an opportunity to learn how the environmental assessment will be conducted on the proposed Stanhope airport expansion and how the public can participate in that process, drew a large and diverse group with equally diverse concerns. As many as 150 people gathered at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Centre, some prepared to be angry and others to pepper federal government officials with a long list of questions.

While the perception has always been that the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) have been the primary protagonist in the fight against the project, it quickly became apparent that they were not alone in their concerns.

Keith Grady, Senior Advisor, Environmental Review and Approvals for Infrastructure Canada, facilitated the meeting, and did so with a good deal of aplomb, maintaining order and even good humour among some who were frustrated and angry.

Grady told the crowd that the purpose of the meeting was to talk about the environmental assessment (EA) that will be carried out by Infrastructure Canada with the assistance of other federal departments. Grady acknowledged right up front that the project had garnered considerable community interest which had resulted in the meeting.

According to Grady his department is dealing with over 5,000 projects that are being considered for Building Canada funding. He said, "Most of the projects do not require this sort of process, but this one does."

However, Grady said, "I want to make things quite clear to help people understand the review process that will take place. We are looking at the project from the context of the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act alone. We know there are a broad range of public concerns, but our interest must fall within the purview and context of the Act."

Grady said, "There are a very real number of people here that have been instrumental at looking at and commenting on the project. I am aware of the concerns and wish to get a better idea of how to address those interests." Grady referred to letters that had been sent to various Ministers regarding the project and said that they would be taken

into account.

Grady said that there would be an overview of the project to ensure that there is a common understanding of what his department would be looking at. He also said that he would talk about their process and how it would unfold, including what opportunities there would be for public involvement.

Michael Osborne, of Richardson Foster Ltd. was in attendance to provide the overview of the project but this portion of the meeting was sadly lacking in detail. Osborne simply said (and assumed) that everyone in attendance had seen him in September and had heard the project overview at that time.

He spoke of his company's challenge to develop the best possible alignment for the new runway while establishing the most cost effective design. He spoke briefly about the team (that he stressed did not all work for his firm) that had been developed to complete a number of reports on planning, environmental impacts, archaeological, geotechnical, engineering and costing for the project which were included in the report that his firm had prepared for the municipality.

"A lot of work and a lot of effort went into the report," he said, and asked people to review it. He also said he had been working with Infrastructure Canada since April and sharing information with them, adding, "We're not new to the process or working with our federal counterparts." However he actually said very little about the project itself.

The meeting was turned back to Grady who spoke about Infrastructure Canada as the 'Responsible Authority' for the project, the department responsible to address the requirements of the Act, to make a determination at the end of the assessment as to the affects of the project, their significance and how they could be economically and technically mitigated. He said that their role was also to ensure the implementation of any required mitigating measures.

Grady stressed the fact that public interest must be accommodated throughout the process and that his department was required to look at things like need as well as alternatives for the project.

"The big question is how you can participate and there are various opportunities for individuals, associations and stakeholders to take part through meetings or written submissions. We need to determine what the key issues are, what information is available and whether it is sufficient and at the end of the day, your view on whether the project is good, if you are in support of it and if it should proceed."

Grady informed those in attendance that once a report was drafted, notification will be given in a number of ways (but first and foremost on their registry site which is [www.ceaa.gc.ca](http://www.ceaa.gc.ca)) and that a period of time would be set aside for the submission of comments.

Sally Howson inquired how deficiencies in the engineering report would be incorporated into the EA screening report and whether obvious gaps would be identified. Grady said, "That will be our starting point. Along with other federal players we will look at the existing studies and determine if they have addressed all of the issues identified. First we must establish a technical review committee that will go through the folder of public issues systematically."

Howson asked if MBC could become part of the review process and Grady responded that the association could subject the draft report to whatever review it felt was appropriate.

Comments were made questioning the need for or validity of the project. Grady clarified the eligibility process as defined by the Treasury Board which included local and regional air-

ports.

Questions were raised and responded to with information on how submissions could be made and that all relevant documents and timelines would be listed on the Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency (CEAA) website. Questions were also raised about the extent of the EA and who was responsible for preparing the screening report.

Grady said that all comments, whether supportive or not, could be submitted for his department's review, but he reiterated that in the context of making a decision, they were restricted by specific parameters. He also said that the screening report may be prepared by Industry Canada staff or they may retain a consultant, but that his department would be the ones to sign the document off and determine whether concerns raised could be mitigated.

He said, "I would like to make everyone aware that all comments provided by members of the public and stakeholder groups become part of the public record and will be maintained in the hard copy file in the township office."

Concerns were raised about existing reports having been prepared by stakeholders that had a vested interest in the project going forward and comments made that it was the hope that the value of that would be assessed. Grady said, "That is our job." He also said, "If we determine that the findings and conclusions in the report make sense, it will be made available for public review and comment before a final determination is made or funds provided to complete the project."

A number of people raised the question of whether or not a project had been denied as a result of an EA. Grady said that projects did not usually fail as a result of an environmental report, but rather due to the fact that the environmental requirements prove too great and mitigating steps too costly resulting in the proponents walking away from the project.

Concerns were raised about the handling of de-icing materials and fuels, health concerns, leaching of chemicals into the river, the impact on wells, noise issues, tree cutting on private property (in particular the Claridge property with their protected forest area), about the validity of the wildlife studies that had already been conducted by Richardson Foster and about species at risk.

Grady assured everyone that these things would be looked at carefully as part of the review process and that other departments like Transport Canada, the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Environment, Fisheries and Oceans, the Ministry of Health and Industry Canada would all be involved in the process, looking at the project from the perspective of their own mandates and areas of expertise.

In response to a question about the duration of a typical EA, Grady said, "There's no good answer to that, but there are several things that I will mention. We need to go through all of the existing documentation to determine what might be missing, prepare a report and put it out to the public for review prior to a determination. It could be short term or long term." He said that a review done a few weeks ago had taken three weeks and that an EA for a large airport project had taken as long as three years.

Grady did confirm that there are established practices in terms of the time that people have to comment on documents and reports which is usually 30 days.

Rick Armstrong raised questions about fire fighting capabilities that would be needed for larger aircraft and the impact on maintaining insurance in a 'crash zone' or area where planes could be required to dump fuel. Grady again confirmed that would all be part of the review.

Pamela Marsales commented on MP Barry Devolin's proposal to split the project into two components which would allow immediate funding to go towards improving the existing facilities rather than opening the 'can of worms that is the new runway development.' Grady said that at present the file was for the entire project. He said, "If it comes down that we should break it out into phases, we'll look at the requirements in that context."

Another resident, referring to the fact that Osborne had not really provided an overview of the project, asked if Infrastructure Canada had heard about the long term air park development. Grady assured the group that it was their responsibility to define the overall scope of the project as well as cumulative effects and how they would impact the environment. He said, "Identifying what is likely to happen vs. what might hypothetically happen will be challenging."

MBC President Paul MacInnes said that while many of those in attendance were permanent residents, 80 percent of the Algonquin Highlands taxpayers are seasonal which called for additional time to allow them an opportunity to review documents that were only available at the municipal office. At a question from Grady, MacInnes agreed that this could be mitigated to some extent through MBC's electronic mail outs. Grady said it was his department's intent to reach as many people as possible and that they must sort out the mechanics of that.

Howson said that the Act required meaningful consultation, particularly with respect to the economic impacts. She said, "You cannot whitewash the cumulative effects as the township has already put forward what they expect to happen." Grady responded that the Act

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(Keith Grady)

*"You can't whitewash the cumulative effects."*  
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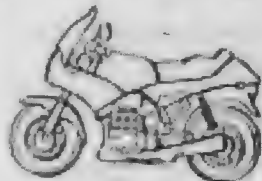
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# FUME Hoping to Address the Standing Committee on Mining Act Revisions

"No one is happy with the new mining act." (Robin Simpson)

Liz Daniels  
Staff Reporter

All may appear to be relatively quiet on the home front when it comes to the fight against open pit mining in Haliburton County, but looks can be deceiving. FUME (now standing for Fight Unwanted Mining and Exploration), in conjunction with the Little Glamour Lake Cottagers' Association (LGLCA) has prepared a submission to the Standing Committee on General Government detailing their position about the proposed amendments to the Mining Act.

Bill 173, or the Mining Amendment Act, 2009, has addressed the issue of landowners in southern Ontario owning their surface rights, but not their mining rights, by withdrawing these lands from mineral staking. However, this doesn't apply to land that is already subject to an active claim, like those in the Gooderham area, nor does it apply to Crown land.

The submission, which was prepared by Roger Young, a resident of Little Glamour Lake and FUME member, has also been sent to 97 MPP's across Southern Ontario, along with a letter detailing the importance of the Mining Amendment Act to their constituents; hundreds of thousands of urban residents from southern Ontario who own and use recreational properties, cottages and retreats across cottage country.

While the submission to the Standing Committee is extremely detailed, outlining the history of FUME and LGLCA and what they stand for, a historical perspective of the area and recent exploration activity, it makes some very salient points about what can be done to alleviate the concerns of local residents and cottagers alike.

In a nutshell, Young lays out the essence of their concerns as being the continued separation of mineral rights from surface rights on privately held lands, the lack of any comprehensive environmental assessment of mining ventures, particularly when it comes to exploratory activity on Crown lands, and finally the lack of any municipal control over planning, zoning or permitting of mining activities within their boundaries.

Young wrote that 'the notion that a property's mineral rights can be separated from its surface rights is a throwback to feudal times when kings with divine rights owned everything, both above and below the surface'

Young also wrote that 'to allow open pit mining operations to return to Haliburton will be to turn back the clock and risk jeopardizing a half-century and billions of dollars in recreational property investment, to say nothing of the thousands of jobs created simply by the number of vacationers flocking here. Anything which threatens the enjoyment of tourists and recreational or cottage visitors has the potential to chase away millions of dollars in business income, along with the jobs it creates.'

The submission commends the government for their decision to remove any remaining surface rights only lands in Southern Ontario from further staking and claiming, but it emphasizes the need to require full environmental assessments at all levels of mining activity and to give municipalities more decision making capabilities when it comes to mining activities.

The need for environmental assessment and enhancing the role of municipalities has been mirrored by many other organizations, in-

cluding FOCA (Federation of Ontario Cottage Associations), AMO (Association of Municipalities of Ontario), CBMAR (Coalition for Balanced Mining Act Reform), CIELAP (Canadian Institute for Environmental Law and Policy), Ecojustice and many other groups and organizations.

In the submission Young speaks of the 'floating population that is the true economic engine which drives employment and municipal budgets throughout cottage country.' He also wrote that 'recreational tourism dwarfs anything that mining could ever contribute, adding that it is 'green', environmentally sensitive and here for the long haul.' He describes mining as 'an activity that is dirty, environmentally destructive and only interested in being around as long as the minerals last.'

Robin Simpson, co-founder of FUME says that he and Young have applied for seats to address the Standing Committee. He said, "We're still waiting to hear whether or not we have a seat but so far we're only on the waiting list. At this point the bill has gone to second reading and will now be sent to the committee for them to hear concerns about the proposed revisions to the act."

"Unfortunately," Simpson said, "there have been a lot of applications for the Committee's sitting in Toronto, but we've had a lot of support and MPP Rick Johnson has been in our corner helping."

Simpson said, "We've done what we can." An understatement from a man, who along with his partner Christine Atrill, Young and others, has worked tirelessly to see change in Haliburton County when it comes to mining and mineral exploration.

Simpson admitted that if he has the opportunity, his presentation will veer somewhat from their brief. It

is his plan to talk about an alternative and what he says would be the fairest thing to do in order to achieve true balance in the mining act which he says will not happen with the amended act.

"The fairest thing the government could do is adopt our 'three modest proposals' in their entirety. Now that's what I call a balanced mining act." (The three modest proposals include single ownership (re-unify minerals with land), local planning (strengthen municipal planning powers) and impact authorization (require a review and analysis of impacts of all proposed exploration and mining activities before they take place.)

"The other option for them would be to officially take southern Ontario including Crown Land off the map entirely rather than leave things at the discretion of the Minister, which can change at a moment's notice depending on the circumstances."

Simpson said that the Minister had taken surface rights only off the map at the stroke of a pen, and he could do exactly the same thing with Crown Land. "If it had to be changed back for any reason, it would have to be done

through the legislature, and not at the whim of a Minister."

According to Simpson very little is spent on exploration in the area and the likelihood of any mining coming to fruition in Southern Ontario given the existing activist groups is limited. He said, "When it comes to mining, there's no security of investment here."

"If an alternative is given that is easier than the three modest proposals it would settle the concerns of the people in southern Ontario. In the meantime, no one is happy with the new mining act; certainly not the residents, not the mining companies and not the native people."■

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defines environmental effects which would include health, socio-economic conditions, culture and heritage as well as archaeological concerns and not just how the project would affect the environment, but how the environment would affect the project.

Howson advised Grady that she had considerable experience conducting environmental assessments and said, "I'll be watching you." Grady (and likely many in the audience) welcomed her scrutiny.

Peter Lobo had a number of questions related to the project financing. Grady confirmed that the taxpayers would be responsible for \$1.26 million dollars, but Lobo asked if the government would assume responsibility for 2/3 of the cost of any future shortfalls. Lobo also simply said, "If it upsets so many people it cannot be a good thing." Grady commented, "At the end of the day that is the comment you can make," again confirming that residents were also welcome to provide comments in support of the project, "particularly if our report is a brilliant piece of work."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison later said that Grady had done an excellent job. "He seemed to be playing to the crowd in some ways, but he was there for the public and he managed to keep the politics out of it," she said. Harrison, who felt that the meeting was a positive move forward, commented that she was unsure how the process would affect MP Devolin's proposal to split the project into two phases.

MacInnes said there was little doubt what 90 percent of the people in the room thought. He said, "I'm not sure that people have understood that an EA includes consideration for the need for a project and what alternatives there may be." As an example MacInnes said that as well as rehabilitation, a shorter crosswind grass strip could be a possibility."

"It's not all about fish, water and endangered species, but about the economics of the project as well," he said.

MacInnes questioned whether the municipality had received value for fees charged by Richardson Foster to attend the meeting and voiced concern for the fact that there will be serious costs associated with the report and the need for mitigating action that have not been budgeted, but will be borne by the taxpayers.

One thing is known for certain. August draws near and unless someone can draw the proverbial rabbit from a hat fairly quickly, the opportunity for shovels to hit the ground during this construction season is dwindling rapidly. ■

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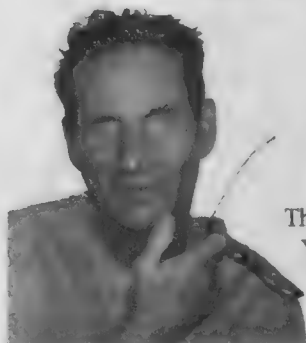
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## Kids and Curves – and the Common Held Truth

After four decades – scientists now say okay to throw curves



Terrance Gavan  
Sports Editor

This from Mark Hyman in the New York Times.

"For almost as long as children have been throwing baseballs, adults have been telling them about the worst thing they

could do to their still-developing arms: throw curves."

It's been a de rigeur part of baseball lore.

In the 1970s, Robert Kerlan, the eminent surgeon who cared for Sandy Koufax, condemned curveballs as murderous on the elbows of professional pitchers, "to say nothing of the young athletes whose bones and joints are still growing."

Many sports medicine experts concur with that long held thesis.

The orthopedic surgeon James Andrews, who performs more than 100 Tommy John ligament-transplant operations most years, cautions that children should not even think about throwing curves until they are 14.

As reported in the New York Times last Sunday, two recent studies are saying that it's all poppycock.

They say that throwing the curve is no more harmful than throwing the fastball.

They're calling the previous conclusions merely anecdotal.

"The studies were done independently by research teams in Connecticut and in Alabama," said the Times article. "Each compared the forces across the elbows of pitchers as they fired fastballs and curves. (The Alabama study also included changeups). Each study concluded that curves are less stressful than fastballs and, based on the data collected, contributed little, if at all, to throwing injuries in youth players."

"I don't think throwing curveballs at any age is the factor that is going to lead to an injury," said Glenn Fleisig, the chairman of research at the American Sports Medicine Institute in Birmingham, Ala.

Carl Nissen, the principal author of the other curveball study and an orthopedic surgeon at the Connecticut Children's Medical Center in Farmington, echoed that. "I can comfortably stand up and say the curveball is not the problem," he said.

Ah, balderdash.

I used to pack a helluva' curve ball.

Back in the day, I had no pop on the heat, but my curve, slurve and slider were non-pareil.

My dad taught me to throw all three pitches.

Back then, in the sixties, we didn't have access to all the frills and chills of internet access.

I was a pitcher and I was velocity challenged.

It was either throw the change or get the bejeezus beaten out of you.

So dad taught me how to crank the curve.

I used to win a lot of games.

Very few major leaguers can hit the curveball with consistency.

You can imagine how devastating a nicely thrown curve could be to a group of 10 and 11 year olds.

I remember playing in Sandy Hill back in Ottawa.

Most of the pitchers were huge.

They could all throw heat.

Unfortunately, at 10 and 11 the heat is pure simmer.

Not much boil.

If you had a modicum of hand-eye coordination you could usually grab a hold of the 10 year old heater.

No one could hit my curve.

Everyone could hit my heater.

We learn quickly on the diamond.

I spent one autumn throwing nothing but curveballs and my dad's special knuckleball.

Second week of September and we were in the league finals.

We were in the seventh inning and I was sailing along with a one-hitter and a 2-0 lead.

I was throwing nothing but curves.

I had added a slider to my repertoire as well.

I used it sparingly.

I was one out from victory.

My catcher, Robbie Bryant called for the curve.

I tweaked up my wind up.

I snapped my wrist on release and felt a sudden tug up and down my arm.

I remember I got the strike out.

We won the game.

But the pain that ripped up and down my right arm was excruciating.

I remember heading to see Dr Maloney, my pediatrician later that week.

He took one look at my arm and asked what happened.

I said "Curveball."

He replied: "Stupid."

And he showed me a little diagram outlining the musculature of the arm.

"I don't want you throwing the curve ball again, until you're big enough to come and beat me in an arm wrestle," said Dr Maloney.

I moved to shortstop for the next season.

Dr Maloney passed away before I ever got a chance to arm wrestle.

But I remember the pain after the pop.

And I remember Dr Maloney patiently explaining the physics of torsion and its effect on the ligaments of the arm.

Maybe we just want too much from our kids today.

"It may do more harm than good — quote me on that," Dr. Andrews said during an interview in his Birmingham clinic.

He fears that parents and coaches may interpret the findings improperly, as a license to teach kids to throw too many curves or begin when they are too young. "There are still some unknown questions," he said.

Andrews cited several limitations of the study, like the fact that it was conducted entirely in a lab.

Under game conditions when youth pitchers are fatigued, Andrews suggested, curves could be dangerous.

"I just operated on one kid this morning," he said. "At age 12, he tore his ulnar collateral ligament in two. His travel ball coach called 30-something curveballs in a row. He became fatigued. Then he threw one that snapped his elbow."

Curveballs in little league and body checking in rep league hockey?

Maybe we're asking just a little too much from our kids today.

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# Highland Storm Rep Opens Tryouts to County Leaguers



The Highland Storm Minor Hockey Association announced this week the tryout times and Head Coaches for this year's Rep, or Travel teams. The birth year for eligibility for each division is shown in brackets: i.e. Novice is open to boys and girls born after January 1st, 2001, Atom from January 1st, 1999 to December 31st, 2000, etc.

In an innovative change of policy, the Storm is opening up the tryouts to any County League players for a one-time fee of \$5.00 a skate: if the player decides to stay with the Rep team, those fees will be deducted from the season Rep fees. This could be a very attractive opportunity for some County League players who would like to see if they fit in with the Rep team players. County Leaguers just need to show up at the rink, starting with the first practice.

Registration for both County League and the Rep teams is still open: for further information visit the Storm's website at [www.highlandstorm.org](http://www.highlandstorm.org).

## Team: Date: Time: Location

Novice (2001 and later) Coach: Jamie Dollo

Novice 2009-09-02 6:00-7:30 Haliburton  
Novice 2009-09-08 6:00-7:00 Minden  
Novice 2009-09-12 10:30-11:30 Haliburton  
Novice 2009-09-13 10:00-11:00 Haliburton

Atom (1999 & 2000) Coach: Mike McNaull

Atom 2009-09-02 7:30-9:00 Haliburton  
Atom 2009-09-10 6:00-7:30 Minden  
Atom 2009-09-12 11:30 to 1:00 Haliburton  
Atom 2009-09-13 12:30 to 2:00 Minden

Peewee (1997 & 1998) Coach: Bernie Upton

Peewee 2009-09-01 7:00 to 8:30 Haliburton  
Peewee 2009-09-08 7:00 to 8:30 Minden  
Peewee 2009-09-12 1:00 to 2:30 Haliburton  
Peewee 2009-09-13 2:00 to 3:30 Minden

Bantam (1996 & 1995) Coach: Dean Chaulk

Bantam 2009-09-03 8:00 to 9:30 Haliburton  
Bantam 2009-09-10 7:30 to 9:00 Minden  
Bantam 2009-09-12 2:30 to 4:00 Haliburton  
Bantam 2009-09-13 3:30 to 5:00 Minden

Midget (1994, 1993, 1992) Coach: Ted Vasey

Midget 2009-09-01 8:30 to 10:00 Haliburton  
Midget 2009-09-08 8:30 to 10:00 Minden  
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# Tour De Forest Artisans Tour Goes this weekend

## Boasting 22 artists and 9 studios

Terrance Gavan  
Staff Reporter

The lovely stained glass and blown-glass creations that emerge from Tom Green's Glass Eagle Studios form a poignant backdrop for the Third Annual Tour De Forest artisans tour this weekend in the Highlands (August 1st and 2nd).

The Tour De Forest is a slowly burgeoning event started three years ago by Green, Barbara Joy Peel and Jane Selbie.

The Joy Peel studio is off Highway 118 on the outskirts of Haliburton.

This year Laura Trach, who manages Orange Cat Studio - Textile and Wearable Art - just outside of Minden, has taken a hand in the organization of the event this year as well.

The Tour De Forest is a growing concern.

Tom says that the event drew over 600 visitors last year.

This year, with a little luck and some cooperation from the weatherman, Tom says he's hoping to outdo that figure.

It's a unique show and tour because it compresses 22 artists into just nine studio stops. Very, very user friendly. And environmentally friendly as well.

The studios are placed in a triangle compressed inside Haliburton, Minden and Carnarvon.

That, says Trach, who like Tom was on hand at last weekend's Art in the Park Rails End Gallery show last weekend, means less driving for visitors and also allows art buffs to experience a number of eclectic displays at a single venue.

It's a collaboration of artists and a celebration of tangential techniques, allowing people to browse through a number of offerings at each stop.

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This year's hosts include John Proctor (Earth Tones Studio), Barbara Joy Peel (Pottery Studio), Sandy Slote (Acrylics and Oil), Glass Eagle, Sharon Lynch's Stone Garden Studio, Orange Cat, Laurie O'Reilly (Acrylic and Oil) Jane Selbie Art, and Sophia Tink's Jewelry Art near Carnarvon.

"We had a great turnout last year," says Trach.

This is an event that is destined to grow.

Right now, the group is dedicated to providing a tour and an experience.

Green says that the Tour De Forest was originally seen as an event to give visiting artists exposure, through collaboration with the local artists.

The Fall Studio Tours in Haliburton and elsewhere in the province demand that artists have actual residences in the area. The August long weekend tour gives exposure to emerging artists or artists that don't have studios of their own.

They could be local or they could be visiting artists.

Tom says that they hope to be able to use the outdoors as a venue, but he is quick to point out that the Tour De Forest is a climate friendly event.

"We're ready to go rain or shine," says Green. Indoor venues can be used in case of rain.

Tom will be hosting Karen Sloan (Acrylic Paintings on Canvas), James Goodliff (Oil Paints) and Larry Holden (Intarsia Woodworking) at his Glass Eagle Studio near Soyers Lake.

Weather permitting he says that all of the artists hope to be

able to give visitors an idea about their basic art and techniques through demonstrations. They want to share their own experience with the viewing public.

"The main point of our tour is to get people out to see multiple artists at work in one spot, in a fairly compressed area," says Tom.

He says that the idea came during discussion three years ago between he Barbara and Jane.

They decided that the long weekend in August might present a nice target for an art show.

"It's the busiest weekend of the summer," says Tom.

The demographic is already here. Haliburton has a vibrant arts community. Artists need exposure.

The Tour De Forest was born.

And it's growing says Tom. New artists are coming on board and local artists are tuning in to the idea.

This year John Proctor's Earth Tones will be hosting Dianna Stahle with her Fabric Sculpture and Pat Mulsen Weaving and Spinning.

Barbara Joy Peel is hosting Nancy Jackson and her Glassblown artwork.

Sandy Slote will be displaying out of her studios near Carnarvon without a guest but with her stunning Acrylic and Oil creations.

Sharon Lynch and her Stone Garden Studio is hosting Erin Lynch with her Sterling Silver Wire Jewelry.

Laura Trach and Orange Cat Textile and Wearable Art will be hosting Ann Williams and her vibrant Quilt Art.

Laurie O'Reilly is playing host to Colleen Ferdinands Pottery and Elaine O'Reilly's Photographic Expressions.

Jane Selbie Art is hosting Charlene McConnell Pottery and Marty Gryciuk's Hand Knitting.

And finally Sophia Tink will be welcoming Cheryl Johnson and her Beaded Jewelry.

Brochures and roadmaps for the comprehensive 22 artist Tour De Forest Event are available at Rails End Gallery and at venues in the Town of Haliburton.



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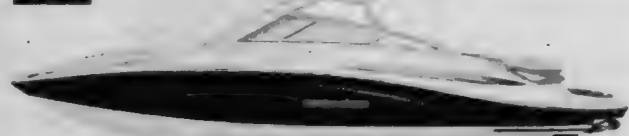


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# Garlic Growers: All for One, One for All

Stephen Patrick  
Editor



Charlie and Sheila Robb, Haliburton's Garlic Farmers Extraordinaire, have been producing their luscious, world-class organic garlic bulbs for a decade now. Their garlic beds, carefully cultivated over the years, occupy about a quarter of an acre just beside their house on the Buckslide Road.

The Robb's garlic patch has grown to almost 8000 plants over the years, and every

last bulb is sold within weeks of being harvested. In fact, most of the garlic is pre-sold to the Robb's long list of happy customers. Charlie and Sheila plant the garlic in the fall, and gently nurse it over the spring until it's ready to be picked, generally in early July, although this year it's a bit late due to the endless rain and cool temperatures. The bulbs are also slightly smaller than normal this year.

Once the plant are picked, the garlic is hung in a shed for a few weeks, cleaned, and then either bagged or braided, depending on their customers' preference. Charlie and Sheila have always shared the harvesting tasks, but Charlie's been responsible for hanging the garlic itself.

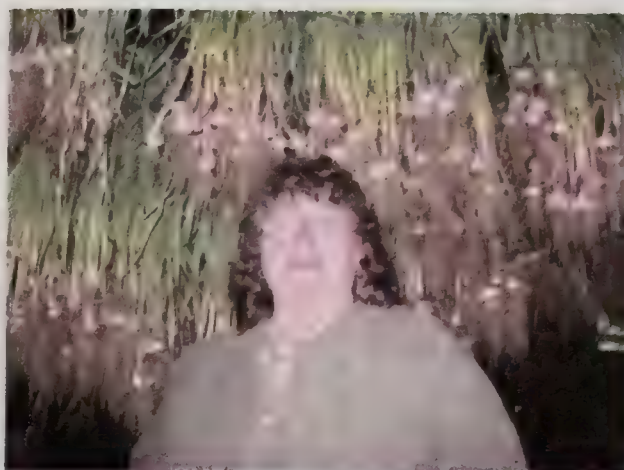
But last month, on the 10th of June, Charlie contracted a serious illness and had to be hospitalized in Toronto for almost a month. He's recovering nicely now at Ross Memorial in Lindsay, but isn't expected home for another few weeks, and then further home rehabilitation will be required. So what was Sheila to do with almost 8000 garlic plants? Sheila's a terrific gardener, but she also suffers from Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD) which puts a limit on her physical activity. And the last thing Charlie needed during his recovery was to be worried and stressed about what might happen to his beautiful garlic garden.

Well, as Sheila commented, "This may be a small community in comparison with other areas, but I think it has the biggest heart."

Without missing a beat, members of the Haliburton County Farmers Association (HCFA) and the Haliburton County Garlic Growers Association (HCGGA) sprang into action. On July 10th about 10 members of the associations turned up and harvested and hung about 2100 plants: on the 20th, another 2200 were picked, and last Friday almost all of the remaining plants were pulled from Charlie and Sheila's rich, dark earth. Plans are to finish the job in the next few days.

"The response of my fellow growers and farmers was overwhelming," says Sheila. "And Charlie was so touched, and thrilled that so many people came out to help. We've done a lot of work organizing garlic festivals over the years, and the garlic seminars and the HCGGA, and I guess people were grateful for that. From the HCFA we had Andrea Coysh, Casey Cox, Laverne (Butch) Black, Jeanne Hughes, Kathy and Jeff Mainprize, and Megan Stong. From the HCGGA we have Doug Smith and Lyn Derringer, Ron and Toos Reid, and Doug and Barb Nash. I just want to add a personal note of thanks to every one of them."

And maybe the response is also due to the passionate belief in this wonderful plant that all growers and garlic aficionados share. Garlic has for centuries been the subject of wild and crazy folklore, from claims it can cure almost



any ailment to its well known affect on your local vampires. Medieval English Physician Nicholas Culpepper wrote that it 'Kills worms in children, purges the head, helps the lethargy, is a good preservative against and a remedy for any plague, sore, or foul ulcer: takes away spots on the skin, and also treats piles, falling sickness, cramps, convulsions, and haemorrhoids.' And that's just for starters. Just try standing in Charlie and Sheila Robb's shed among some 6000 hanging garlic bulbs, as this writer did last Friday, and breathe deeply for four of five minutes, an experience as good as any spa could offer.

And don't forget: the HCGGA's annual Garlic Festival is coming up, on Saturday, August 29th, from 10 until 3 at the Camarvon Bowl. ■



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## Happy Hookers Sighted at Minden Museum

The Haliburton Highlands Rug Hookers hosted their 4th annual "Hook-In" this past Saturday at the grounds of the Minden Museum and Cultural Center. Hookers from all over south and central Ontario took up the invitation and spent much of the day enjoying their craft, chatting with friends and demonstrating the skill of rug hooking to visitors. Many groups cancel their scheduled weekly gatherings over the summer, hook-ins provide an opportunity to travel and meet enthusiasts from other towns and cities.

The club will be hosting a beginners' rug hooking workshop at the Royal Canadian Legion in Minden on September 12th from 10AM until 3PM. Everyone is welcome, but a special invitation is extended to "wannabe hookers". If you would like more information call Linda at 705-447-1169. ■

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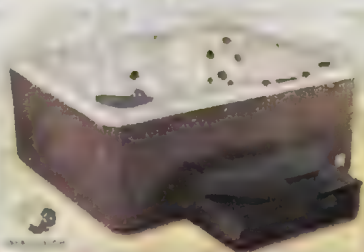
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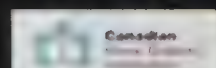


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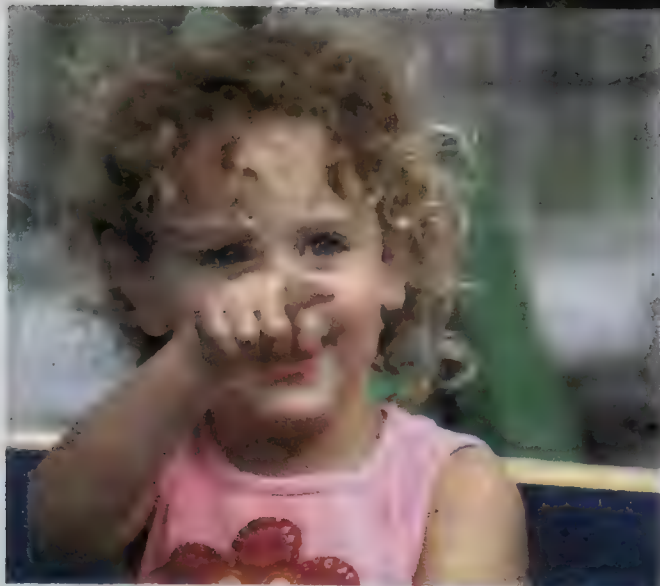
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## The President's Report on Health

By Paul Rosebush, President and CEO, Haliburton Highlands Health Services.

Healthcare in Canada is a single payer government funded service that in the truest sense of the word is "public" because it exists for all Canadians. As such healthcare services in Canada are owned by all Canadians who can be considered its principle stakeholders. As stakeholders, the public wants to ensure that its tax dollars are being spent wisely on all public services, including healthcare, and they want to ensure that they receive high

quality healthcare when needed. In my last article for the Voice I commented on some of the financial challenges that HHHS faced operating in an era of declining subsidies and increasing costs. In this article I want to highlight what HHHS is doing to provide our community with high quality services.

Quality is an elusive term and means different things to different people. As a result trying to nail down an operational definition of quality can be challenging. Canadians are more familiar using the term to reflect things such as automobile products, and understand that it has something to do with craftsmanship. The theory goes something like this...the better the product the higher its quality. At HHHS we do not have a product to sell but we do have services that are provided to the public that rely on a high level of skill, knowledge, experience and professionalism. If something goes wrong with the service that we provide to a person the results can be catastrophic. However, in the case of a car when something goes wrong you can generally pull over to the side of the road and call roadside assistance. Therefore, it's important that people receive assurance from institutions like HHHS that they in fact are receiving quality care. Our funder, the government, also wants to ensure that citizens are receiving the high level of safe, effective and efficient care that they are paying for on your behalf.

In the last year the HHHS Board spent considerable time and energy reflecting on how to define quality and how to imbed the concept of quality into the everyday operations of the organization. What the Board arrived at is a comprehensive definition of quality that has been rolled out across the organization to set the bar on quality expectations at HHHS for all employees and hence establish the level of care or support that patients and clients receive.

The HHHS Board definition of Quality is: The best use of human, technical and financial resources in meeting the needs of clients, patients, residents, and staff with an emphasis on caring and compassionate treatment and services through a focused commitment to a healthy and supportive workplace.

Boiled down to its essence this definition highlights important themes such as kind, compassionate, safe care for all. These are certainly worthy quality goals that HHHS employees can aspire to and the public can identify with.

Getting back to the theme of craftsmanship the question of how to measure quality in a healthcare setting arises. At HHHS, to do so, we currently benchmark many of our practices against other similar organizations. As such we measure and track numerous indicators related to human resources, including staff and physician qualifications. We also track the occurrence of infections in our facilities, and the utilization rates of our many services against costs. We also track and evaluate all complaints, accidents, and safety processes, as well as patient and client satisfaction feedback, and financial performance among others. We also participate in a process called "Accreditation" which closely examines the fine details of our services and compares our practices against hospitals across the country. As many Haliburton area residents and seasonal visitors already know our results in all of these areas are excellent.

In my mind what most defines the quality of care that is provided at HHHS is the attention that all of our staff provide to clients. Research has identified that communication factors make a difference in someone's assessment of the care they receive. Therefore, it's not simply whether or not someone received appropriate care but that the person felt they were listened to and treated with dignity and respect throughout their experience. In essence the patient or client becomes the focus of attention and today's quality strategies in healthcare emphasize this goal as the premier quality benchmark. From

## Towards a Common Understanding of Quality Healthcare

the moment I arrived at HHHS as CEO I could tell that this was the strongest feature of our organization. It was very clear to me that HHHS staff go to great lengths to respond to the individual needs of everyone who walks through our doors. In the future, to drive the concept of quality forward, HHHS is determined to align its current and future strategic goals with its organizational assets and co-ordinated services in support of continuous performance improvement. Therefore, the concept of quality at HHHS will be aligned from top to bottom throughout the organization as a service priority and everyone on the HHHS team will be working equally toward the same goals.

HHHS is fully committed to support the fine efforts of all of our staff who deliver quality services, and work diligently with our partners such as the Central East Local Health Integration Network (CE LHIN) as well as the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) to improve the level of quality across all of our hospital, long-term care, and community based services. The community expects this and deserves nothing less. ■

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**Dear Abby**  
by Abigail Van Buren

### IRATE COMMUTERS GET AN EARFUL FROM LOUD CELL PHONE USERS

**DEAR ABBY:** Your answer to "Minneapolis Commuter" (June 8), who was sick of overhearing personal cell phone conversations, missed the mark. I ride public transit to and from Sacramento every day, and most of the time the passengers — like me — just want a quiet ride to work and back. Sometimes a rude, obnoxious and very loud person will get on and make life miserable for the rest of us. Moving to another seat is not an option because their voices carry throughout the entire bus. Often these conversations are laced with profanity, and it becomes an endurance test to remain polite. I no longer feel that being polite is the best solution with such people. They need to be reminded about common courtesy and respect for their neighbors. There have been days when the bus driver actually stopped the bus and ordered such passengers off. I dare say, you have not been on public transit in a while, or you would not have dismissed the complaint so quickly. — **SACRAMENTO COMMUTER**

**DEAR COMMUTER:** You are right. I haven't used public transit for some time, however, several of my staff use it daily and tell me, as you have, that phone users can be rude and obnoxious.

Contacting your local public transit carrier and complaining seems to be the best way to handle the situation. If they receive enough complaints — and I'm sure they will — they may initiate policies to stop such rude behavior. And if all else fails: earplugs! Read on:

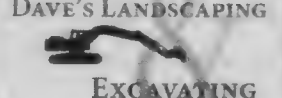
**DEAR ABBY:** "Commuter" is far from alone. I am a transit bus driver. Cell phones are an irritation to drivers and passengers alike on our service. To address this issue, our company initiated a cell phone policy that is printed in our transit guide. If using a cell phone on a bus, do not disturb the driver or fellow passengers, or you may be asked to stop using your cell phone. Keep it short, keep it down, keep it quiet, keep it off! Since this policy has been in effect (it's not perfect), things have improved. I would encourage anyone who uses public transportation to ask their service to put a cell phone policy in place and enforce it. — **BUS DRIVER**

**DEAR ABBY:** Commuters on buses or trains should realize that it is not the library, and they should not expect the ride to be quiet. The writer of that letter should get a set of earplugs or, better yet, an MP3 player with headphones and listen to a recorded self-improvement book, or perhaps, something about improving tolerance. People talking on their cell phones are making productive use of their commute time, and it might be the only time they have to chat with friends and family. Commuters should make better use of their time than just sitting there and stewing. — **COMMUTER CELL PHONE USER**

**DEAR ABBY:** The reality is that the bus or train is often packed and there is no seat to move to, so we are forced to sit and listen to incredibly personal conversations or insane babbling because the person can't sit still and use the travel time to relax. I've heard it all — the woman announcing her new address and phone number, the guy talking about how he's going to lie to the judge during his divorce hearing, the gory details of someone's recent surgery. It's enough to make you gag. I finally got headphones. — **DENVER COMMUTER**

**DEAR ABBY:** I, too, found the conversations on the bus to be quite colorful! I now wear earphones and spend my time listening to music and reading. The convenience of a relaxing ride to work far outweighs the annoyances. I find the bumpy ride is a great abdominal workout, too. — **CALM-UTING IN ABQ**

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**Horoscopes**  
It's in the Stars

**BORN THIS WEEK:** You appreciate the wonders of the world and enjoy sharing your delight with others.

**ARIES** (March 21 to April 19)  
Dealing with a difficult person can be the kind of challenge you Aries Lambs love. Or it could be an energy-draining exercise in futility. Be certain your goals are worth your efforts.

**TAURUS** (April 20 to May 20)  
The Divine Bovine might be seeing red at having your crisis-resolution efforts overlooked. But others know the truth, and they can be expected to step forward when the time comes.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 20)  
You should be well on your way to finally making that important decision. Having the support of loved ones will help when crunch time comes. Keep a positive attitude.

**CANCER** (June 21 to July 22)  
Feeling uneasy about a move might not mean you're having a case of Cancerian wavering. It could be your inner sense is warning you to reassess your situation before taking action.

**LEO** (July 23 to August 22)  
Your pride could get in the way of admitting you might have erred. Best to 'fess up now before a small mistake turns into a big misunderstanding. Make the weekend a special family time.

**VIRGO** (August 23 to September 22)  
Trying to please someone with a less-than-glowing opinion of something you value could be a waste of time. If you like it, stay with it. The week's end brings an answer to an old mystery.

**LIBRA** (September 23 to October 22)  
There might be time to make a change. But be honest with yourself: Is it what you really want, or one you feel pressured into making? Your answer should determine your next move.

**SCORPIO** (October 23 to November 21)  
Change is dominant, but so is caution: Proceed carefully, checking each step along the way to avoid encountering any unwelcome surprises that might be lurking along your path.

**SAGITTARIUS** (November 22 to December 21)  
It could be a mistake to rely on someone to keep his or her promise without checking out previous performances. What you learn now could save you from a painful lesson later.

**CAPRICORN** (December 22 to January 19)  
Taking a strong stand on an issue you feel is too important to ignore could inspire others to follow suit. The weekend is a good time to socialize with old friends and make new ones.

**AQUARIUS** (January 20 to February 18)  
Your sensitive nature gives you an insight into the problems of someone close to you. Your offer of support could be just what this person needs to start turning his or her life around.

**PISCES** (February 19 to March 20)  
Financial matters continue to need even more careful analysis than usual. Use caution with investment possibilities. A personal relationship might take an unexpected turn by the week's end.

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- 1 Big —  
4 "Stop, sailor!"  
9 James of "Misery"  
13 Swash-buckling novelist  
18 Grand — Opry  
19 Actress Berger  
20 Mournful music  
21 "F Troop" corporal  
22 Start of a remark by Milton Berle  
24 Mid-size band  
25 "Andrea —"  
26 Costa —  
27 "Family Feud" host  
29 Division word  
31 Aachen article  
32 Basilica feature  
34 Part 2 of remark  
38 TV's "General —"  
42 Like some sheep  
43 Part of HOMES  
44 Inclined  
45 Senator Thurmond

- 47 "Waking — Devine" ('98 film)  
49 Wee serving  
52 Composer Schiffrin  
54 Circus performer  
57 Put on a pedestal  
61 Soft tissue  
63 Tangle  
64 Damage  
65 Actress Ward  
66 Baseball's Boudreau  
68 Enchilada alternative  
70 "Trinity" author  
72 Neighbor of Wyo.  
73 Obeys the dentist  
77 Part 3 of remark  
78 '80s Joe Penny series  
80 Crank's comment  
81 Skater Lipinski  
82 Noun suffix  
84 Sundown, to Shelley  
85 Actor Arkin  
87 See 106 Across  
88 "Love Train" group  
91 Thick of things  
95 Denizen

- 97 Geological phenomenon  
99 The Chipmunks, e.g.  
100 Comic Carvey  
101 Galena, for one  
103 —ski party  
105 Priest's robe  
106 With 87 Across, type of liqueur  
109 Merit  
112 — blanket  
114 Part 4 of remark  
118 Well-informed  
119 "So that's your game!"  
120 Nonflowering plant  
121 "The Addams Family" uncle  
125 Does Little work  
128 Croc's kin  
131 Chateau valley  
133 End of remark  
135 Wear away  
136 Computer key  
137 "The Lady —" ('79 film)  
138 Child welfare org.  
139 Rock's Meisner

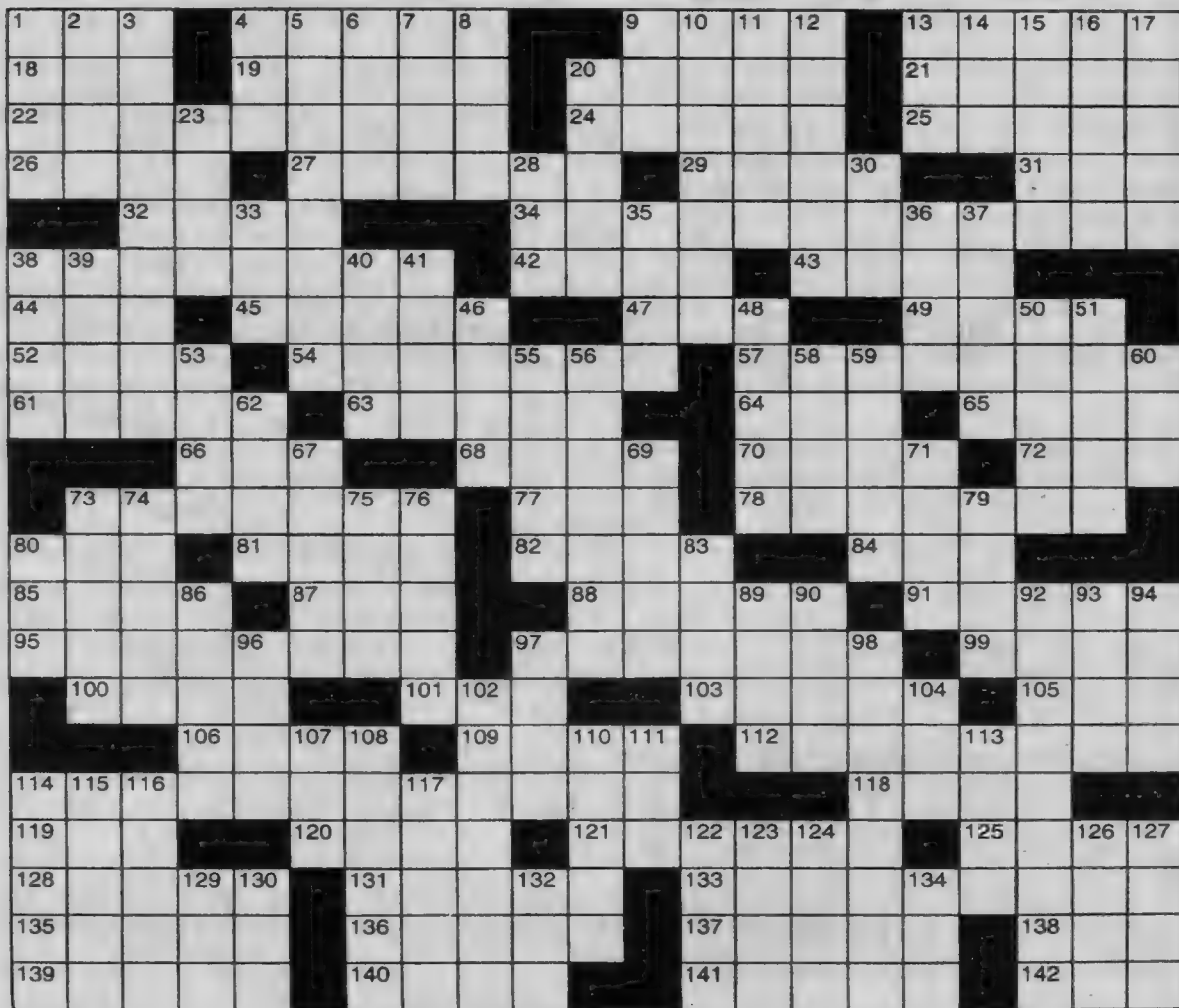
- 140 Stocking stuffers?  
141 Dispositions  
142 "The Bells" monogram

**DOWN**

- 1 Physicist Niels  
2 "The Time Machine" people  
3 English port  
4 Simile center  
5 Feud  
6 Novelist Seton  
7 Pack  
8 Homeric characters  
9 Pres. Clinton, e.g.  
10 Performer  
11 Actor's actor?  
12 Irritate  
13 Rigoletto, to Gilda  
14 Actor Tognazzi  
15 — Gras  
16 Sharon of Israel  
17 Trap  
20 "Tiny Bubbles" singer  
23 Comics' "Andy —"  
28 He gives a hoot  
30 "— the fields we go..."  
33 Slangy sib

- 35 Ain't right?  
36 Extensive  
37 Toast start  
38 Grapefruit serving  
39 October birthstone  
40 Curved lines  
41 Forsaken  
46 Ditch under a draw-bridge  
48 Object  
50 Change for the better  
51 Brawl  
53 Sonja Henie's birthplace  
55 Acts like an ass?  
56 Spirits  
58 Amritsar attire  
59 Nonsense  
60 Smidgen  
62 Throw a party  
67 Custom  
69 Message board?  
71 Goblet part  
73 Lost luster  
74 — apso  
75 Gray or Moran  
76 — Domingo  
79 "What's — for me?"  
80 Candy quantity  
83 Spotted rodent  
86 Belarusian city

- 89 Puppy protests  
90 Withered  
92 Downspout  
93 Bank deposit?  
94 "Twelfth Night" role  
96 Spanish surrealist  
97 Equipment  
98 Happened again  
102 Heal a rift  
104 Eat in the evening  
107 Right — the bat  
108 A hole near the sole  
110 Allude (to)  
111 Dundee denial  
113 Loud laugh  
114 Bet  
115 "Pal Joey" author  
116 Boca —, FL  
117 Maine town  
122 Willowy  
123 Baseball's Martinez  
124 Spanish river  
126 "I could — horse!"  
127 Break suddenly  
129 Eccentric  
130 Curious George's creator  
132 Musical syllables  
134 Pitches



## ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

**Subject: SHOCKING**

(e.g., Electric eels are only native to what continent? Answer: South America.)

**FRESHMAN LEVEL**

1. What manufacturer has cars named Spark and Volt?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
2. What is the name of Tampa Bay's NHL team?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
3. ( $P = I \times V$ ) P is in watts, I is in amperes and V is in \_\_\_\_\_.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATE LEVEL**

4. Legend has it that this metal object gave off a spark in Benjamin Franklin's experiment.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
5. Name for a battery with a reaction between zinc and manganese oxide.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
6. Complete the book title: "Do Androids Dream of \_\_\_\_\_?"  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**PH.D. LEVEL**

7. Term for an electrician responsible for lighting on a movie or TV set.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
8. Which Italian is credited with inventing the electric battery?  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_  
9. His work formed the basis of modern alternating current power systems.  
Answer: \_\_\_\_\_

**ANSWERS:** 1. GM. 2. Lightning. 3. Volts. 4. Key. 5. Alkaline battery. 6. Electric Sheep. 7. Gaffer. 8. Alessandro Volta. 9. Nikola Tesla.

**SCORING:**

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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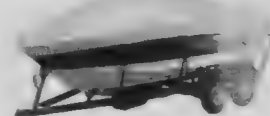
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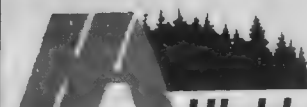
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The Minden Hills Museum and the Kinmount Sesquicentennial committee are teaming up to bring you an exciting day full of historical wonder on Sunday, Aug. 2 at the Kinmount train station in Kinmount.

Special guest author Ron Brown of "Ghost Towns of Ontario" fame will discuss his book "The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore".

Rod Clarke will also share his book "Narrow Gauge Through the Bush", which details the building, operation and equipment of Ontario's Toronto Grey & Bruce and Toronto & Nipissing Railways. Both of these authors will surely offer fantastic talks accented with slides.

As well, be sure to enjoy watching the miniature trains travel

through familiar landscape. Don't forget to buy a ticket for your ride aboard the 'train' where you will have historical highlights pointed out to you along the leisurely trip.

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### Ron Brown's Bio

"Nobody knows Ontario like Ron Brown" is how the CBC once described this author, geographer, and travel writer. Ron Brown has long had a love affair with the landscapes of Canada. His book publications include:

- Back Roads of Ontario,
- Behind Bars, Inside Ontario's Heritage Jails,
- Toronto's Lost Villages, winner of a Heritage Toronto award, (out of print)
- The Last Stop, a guide to Ontario's federally designated heritage railway stations,
- Downtown Ontario, is a look at Ontario's most unusual main streets,
- Top 100 Unusual Things to See in Ontario reveals landscape surprises right in our own backyards,
- Ontario's Ghost Town Heritage, a photographic visit to Ontario's many ghost town sites,
- The popular title, The Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore, an illustrated history of role of the train station in Canada's history, has been updated and revised, and recently released in a third edition.

His travel pieces have been published in the Toronto Star, the Globe and Mail, the Canadian Geographic Magazine, and VIA Rail Magazine. His 5,000 image stock shot inventory includes views of Ontario's lesser-known landscapes, with a specialization in historic buildings, main streets, railway stations and ghost towns.

He has provided consulting services to advertisers and film makers, including a History Channel series, seeking unusual locations at which to film. He has participated on TVO's Studio Two panels to determine Ontario's "most historic town," Ontario's "prettiest town," and Ontario's "best main street."

Following a 27-year career as a writer and community planner, including his role as an advisor to BIA's, with the Ontario government, Ron Brown now lectures on, and leads tours to ghost towns and heritage landscapes across



Ontario. Ron is a member of the Travel Media Association of Canada, and is past chair of The Writers' Union of Canada.

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"Aside from the technical aspects of this work, the book is also very detailed in its treatment of the political and social history of the times that led to the building of these railways, so it is of much broader interest than to the immediate rail fan community. I particularly enjoyed describing the often amusing, sometimes scandalous, manoeuvring between the railway promoters, business people and local politicians to get bonus by-laws passed to help finance the lines. There is also interesting material on the origins and lives of the labourers who built these railways." The Author

The work is fully referenced and indexed, and is 360 pages in an 11in by 12in format, with 20-25 scale drawings, photographs (many previously unpublished) and illustrations of the two railways.

For all of the events scheduled around Minden's 150th Anniversary go online to [www.minden150.ca](http://www.minden150.ca). You can also call 705 286-1260 ext. 220 or email Rick Cox at [rcox@mindenhills.ca](mailto:rcox@mindenhills.ca).

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## What a Catch



On Tuesday July 21, 2009 was a day Milan Skodak will always remember as he boarded "Grumpy's Yacht" at 8:30 a.m. life jacket on, tackle box and rod in hand down the Gull River in Minden to our favorite fishing spot. Things started out slow, but was soon to change. Milan informed me he was stuck on bottom which I couldn't see as he didn't have enough line out to be on bottom, but yes he pulled the boat around. I reeled my line in and back tracked to get his line off bottom. As we got right over the spot and after much pulling he proceed to bring the bottom up very slowly until about 30' from the surface, the bottom came alive. Lots of tugging, running and thrashing the bottom met the net. Milan very excited eyes as big as dinner plates as he looked at his catch and all he could say "it's a monster" After removing hooks and setting the fish down we weighed it, 18+lbs. A very large fish for this area, as they don't get to active at this size. At 10:45 July 21, 2009 Milan's dream came true. Now Milan don't forget there is always one bigger!! Congratulations from one fisherman to another. I know you'll be ready the next time I call.

## Thanks!

We would like to thank everyone for the many, many years of support and help that you've given the Reiss family and Hilltop Market. It's been a wonderful 35 years and now it's time to retire. We're happy to announce that Hilltop Market will be continuing on. Lisa Marchant and Collin Burke are going to be reopening the store. Please give them as much support as you've given our family. We wish them all the best.

-Agnes and Margaret Reiss

## In Loving Memory Of

### Margaret Thomasina Woods (nee Pasquino)

Passed away peacefully at the Extendicare, Haliburton on Monday, July 27, 2009. In her 94th year.

Beloved wife of the late Thomas. Loving mother of Stevan (predeceased). Dear sister of Evelyne, Jean, and Tom, predeceased by her brothers Ralph, John and Donald and by her sister Rosa. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, and their families.

A private family service was at the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., 127 Bobcaygeon Rd., Minden on Thursday, July 30, 2009. Interment at the Ingoldsby Pioneer Cemetery.

Memorial Donations to the Heart and Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0

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## Haliburton County Council Notice of Special Meeting

The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a special Council meeting on August 12th, 2009 at approximately 10:00 a.m. for purposes of awarding a Roads Department Tender as well as to authorize a Closed Session of Council for purposes of discussing the Minden EMS Base location.

All meetings are held in the County Administration Building located at 11 Newcastle Street in Minden.

Tamara Wilbee, County Clerk  
County of Haliburton

## FARM ESTATE AUCTION

Farm Estate Auction SAT. AUG. 8 at 10am. Estate of ROBERT & AUDREY VICK, 5k north of KINMOUNT on Hwy. 121, east 6k on GELERT RD. to # 2414 across from Vick Rd. Horse drawn show wagon-exc. cond., set of show harness w/scotch tops, 40 brass chest plates, neck yokes, spreaders, other harness, Steel Quonset 30' x 40' buyer to take down, 17' Peterborough Bowrider w/85 Merc. & EZ load trailer, Lawn Tractor MTD 12h 38" cut, 3 Tractors: JD 1830 diesel, 60hp, w/145 loader-good cond., 434 Int. diesel, p.s. w/1501 loader, VA Case w/factory 3pth.-tin good. Machinery: JD 430 round baler w/monitor, 4'-6' bales, good cond., MF No 9 Sq. baler, NH 472 7' haybine, 6' Bervac snow blower, Int. 3F 3pt plow, 5' JD rotary cutter, 3pt 8 blade tiller, 3pt. fert. spreader, 6' 3pt disc, 3pt stone hook, bale spear & stone fork for loader 6' 3pt tiller-needs gear box, multi flow MF seed drill, sets of tractor chains, snowmobile trailer, box trailers, antique insulage cutter. Handyman & Misc: King 12 1/2" planer-new, Delta 16" band saw, chain saws, qty. hand tools, wrenches, wood/steel clamps, Black Smith vise, antique log augers, light & heavy logging chains, chain tightners, bags of 19-19 fert., 5 rolls used fence wire, snow shoes & more, 97 Ford Escort, 86 Ford F350 flat bed dually-yard truck. Household Items lg. refrigerator, 30" self cleaning range, Whirlpool stackable washer & dryer, sm. freezer, dishes, dish cupboard, crocks, finger oil lamp, hump back trunk, entertainment center, antique dresser, wrought iron bed, single bed, chest of drawers & older bdrm suite. Furniture 1 st followed by tools than machinery. No buyers premium! Cash/Cheque only. ID to register.

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## COUNTY OF HALIBURTON

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE CONCERNING A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY OFFICIAL PLAN

**TAKE NOTICE THAT** the Council of the Corporation of the County of Haliburton will hold a Public Open House on

**DATE:** Friday August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2009  
**TIME:** 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
**PLACE:** County of Haliburton Administration Building  
**ADDRESS:** 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario

**PURPOSE AND EFFECT:** The purpose of the Public Open House will be to consider an update to the Official Plan for the County of Haliburton pursuant to the provisions of Section 26 of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 c. P.13, as amended.

This Open House will provide the public with an opportunity to review the first draft of the Official Plan policies. County Staff and members of the Consultant Team will be on hand to receive comments and answer questions.

**ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** may attend the Open House and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed official plan amendment or the proposed by-law.

**WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS** in respect of the proposed official plan amendment are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

**IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY** does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to add the person or public body as a party.

**REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION:** If you wish to be notified of the adoption of the proposed official plan amendment, or of the refusal to amend the official plan, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:** A copy of draft Official Plan policies can be obtained by contacting the County Planning Department after August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 or by visiting the County website at [www.haliburtoncounty.ca](http://www.haliburtoncounty.ca) and following the links from News & Public Notices: Official Plan – 5 Year Review. Information regarding the proposed Official Plan Amendment is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 20<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009.

For additional information please contact:

Jane M. Tousaw, A.M.C.T.  
Director of Planning  
County of Haliburton  
11 Newcastle Street  
P. O. Box 399  
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# Rotary Golf Classic



Terrance Gavan  
Staff Reporter

## 12th Annual Rotary Pinestone Golf Classic Scores Big where it Counts

The Local Charity Golf Classic has raised in excess of 250,000 in its 13 year history

The 12th Annual Rotary Charity Golf Classic in Haliburton did what the RBC Canadian Open couldn't.

It finished on time.

In spite of the weather, sodden greens and fairways on the Pinestone Golf course, the annual Haliburton Rotary fundraiser played to boffo reviews.

Scores don't really count at a charity golf event.

It all hinges and plays out upon the bottom line.

But shh!

Don't tell that to the Scotty Morrison Cup winners Bob Park, John Legros, Dave MacGowen and Mike Ricci.

They may think they got soaked walking around the drenched track of the Pinestone Golf course last Thursday for nothing.

Well, not for nothing of course.

Over the past 12 years the annual Pinestone Rotary Golf Classic has averaged nearly \$45,000 per event. Last Thursday was no exception. This year's event is expected to pour another \$47,000 into the deserving coffers of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF).

That's a lot of money.

That's a lot of golf.

Again last Thursday (July 23rd), approximately 170 golfers braved some very challenging course conditions and rain that fell in Noah's clusters.

Again, because last year the charity classic was also beset by rain and the attendant wet course conditions.

But it didn't seem to phase any



of the golfers who appeared to be in great spirits while changing out of their sopping wet spikes and socks under brightly colored umbrellas in the Pinestone parking lot after their wet rounds.

The golfers came not by twos but in foursomes to the ark at Pinestone's 19th hole to commiserate and dry out before dinner.

Ricci, who is a local cottager and a canny 17-year NHL veteran - with stops in Philly, Quebec, Colorado, San Jose and Phoenix and now retired - spends a lot of his days on the links, and he was the guest speaker for the 12th annual event.

Ricci is a long time supporter of this particular event and comes back every year because he feels that backing of the HHHSF is an intrinsic and important facet of life in the community.

Like a lot of retired NHL Players he donates a significant amount of his time to charity events and he has been a fixture at this particular event since its inception.

Dale Walker, the Executive Director of the HHHSF thanked all of the many Rotary volunteers and local businesses who always step up to the plate to make this such an important fund raising venture.

She said that this year's donation would be funneled into funding HHHSF campaigns including the current hospital bed lifts campaign.

Live auction sales, hosted by the always effervescent Art Ward garnered over \$6,000 in charitable sales and the silent auction popped another \$5,500 into the pot.

Rotary club members will be selling tickets for their car lottery venture in the upcoming weeks leading to the draw at the annual Rotary Carnival in Head Lake Park in August. □



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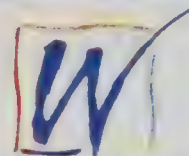
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## Wanted to Rent

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To the Cooks/Chefs. You are truly gifted in the kitchen! All the food was unbelievably good and will have us all coming back for more!  
We will continue to recommend the Pinestone to everyone we know for excellent food, accommodations and service! And WOW are the beds ever comfortable in all the rooms! We have family wanting to buy all the bedding for their own homes. Nicely done!  
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## Coming Events

FAMILY FUN DAY IN LOCHLIN - This fun filled event start's with a horseshoe tournament at 11:00a.m., BBQ, games for the whole family, country auction, clown, pony rides, and live entertainment from the Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders. Please come out and support this fun filled event on August 8th beginning at 11:30a.m. Rain or Shine! For more information call Paula at 705-457-3557. (AugA09)



COMMUNITY YARD SALE - South of Minden across from Prentice Power Sports at Hunter Creek Estates, on August 1st, 2009 8:00a.m. - 12:00p.m. Approximately 20 individual homes are participating. (JulyE09)

YARD SALE'S - Friday July 31st, 2009 at 12:00p.m. and Saturday August 1st, 2009 at 8:00a.m. 3 kms South of Minden on Hwy #35 at Hunter creek Estates. Front Lane individual homes. (JulyE09)

YARD SALE - Saturday August 1, 2009 9:00a.m.-2:00p.m. 40 Keefer Street, Haliburton. Go East on Sunnyside, turn left on Keefer, follow the signs. Three families - lots of good stuff. (JulyE09)

GARAGE SALE - Keep the image and money, shop the Lily Ann, 33 York St. Haliburton.

YARD SALE - 3875 Loop Road, August 1st, 2009, something for everyone, vehicles, trailers and collectables, 9:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

YARD SALE - 2935 Gelert Road, 2kms South of South Lake Road, in house moving sale. Saturday August 1st 9:00a.m.-5:00p.m. rain or shine, look for signs and balloons.

CHARITY GARAGE SALE - 1876 Koshlong Lake Road (opposite Camp Wanakita) household items and furniture, some antiques, tools come rain or shine Saturday August 1, 8:00a.m. 2:00p.m. All proceeds in aid of Haliburton Hospital.



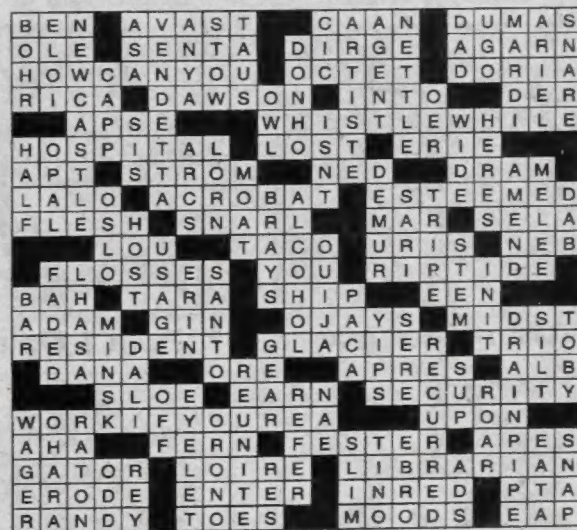
YARD SALE - Saturday August 1st, 2009, 9:00a.m. - 2:00p.m. Furniture suitable for student or cottage - bookcases, desks, dishes, single pull-out couch, beige/brown large sofa with matching love seat, few antiques, books, household items, Sailboat with trailer, and many other items. 3253 Kadhagawigamog Lake Road (County Road 18)

YARD SALE - Saturday August 1st, 2009 corner of Park Street and Lilac Ave, Haliburton, fish tank, leopard print double duvet cover, furniture, kids stuff and other household items.

YARD SALE - Two households; Friday July 30th and Saturday August 1st, 8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m. 375 Boundary Road, first driveway West off 121 just North of Kimmount.

GIANT YARD SALE - Saturday - Monday August 1st, 2009, 8:00a.m. - 4:00p.m. 7749 Hwy #35 North of Norland. Yamaha Snowmobile, 2 boat trailers, 5x10 landscape, 7x16 enclosed cargo trailer, furniture, antiques, appliances, lots of household items.

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Still the favourite.

Art in the Park in Haliburton – the 45th Annual Haliburton Art & Craft Festival – weathers the storms. And through thunder, darkened skies and rain, the people came over three days last weekend. Again.

Just like clockwork, the people came; just as they have for almost half a century now.

Event organizer, and Rails End Gallery director, Laurie Jones said that this year's event was a resounding success in spite of – and maybe because of – the looming gray clouds and threatening skies.

A lot of that is due to the "fresh, innovative, and eclectic" nature of the event said Jones. A lot of the artists involved this year explained that sometimes the rain gets cottagers and residents off their docks and into town for the event.

Jones said that the Festival this year boasted 119 booths staffed by a nice mix of returning vendors in addition to a vibrant addition of some new artists.

"I've been able to travel around the park this year and all of the artists I've talked to so far have had very positive feedback," said Jones.

She said that they get a great cross section of artists for the show every year.

Some of the artists, especially the locals have been coming for more years than they can count.

Some come from as far away as the Maritimes and most are involved in the summer arts and craft show circuit, which is very labor and travel intensive through July and early August.

Jones said that the stop in Haliburton is a favorite locale for the traveling artisans, who like the fact that many of the actual shoppers have also been marking this fourth week of July on their calendars for years.

Naomi Assenheim and Emiliano Vargas-Lopez own Opal Wing Creations, a lovely little jewelry business, which this year won the prize for best booth at the Haliburton Art and Craft Festival.

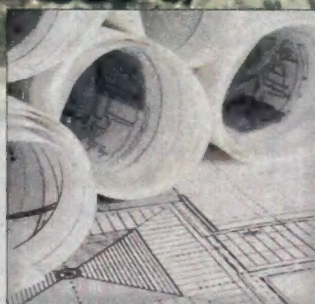
They started out in the emerging artist category of the Haliburton show just three years ago.

Today they are on the circuit full time. They attend numerous shows throughout the summer and during the pre-Christmas craft show season.

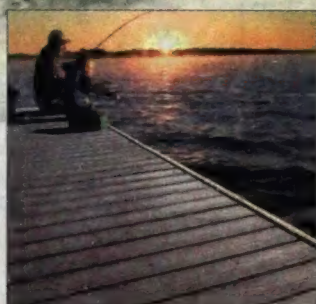
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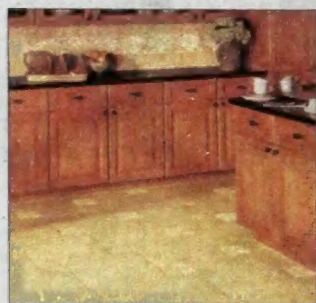
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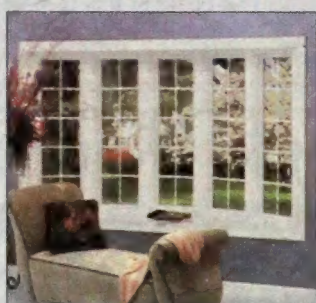
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Assenheim said that they love the Haliburton show. It's one of the favorite stops on their comprehensive tour.

She said that the weather at this year's show was actually better than at last year's festival.

The rain and the intermittent thunder?

"Well, it really hasn't rained that much, and really, it hasn't seemed to stop the people from coming out," laughed Assenheim.

She added that Opal Wing sales this year were quite strong, something she attributes to the great management team at the Haliburton Arts and Craft Festival.

"For sure this is our favorite show, because of the people and because the organizers make the artist feel important," said Assenheim.

Susan Watson Ellis, the creative force behind Paradigm Designs jewelry here in the Haliburton Highlands, has been coming to the Arts and Craft Festival for more years than she can remember.

She does not travel on the summer circuit, but loves returning to the Haliburton show.

"I was doing this show when it was still in the high school," said Watson-Ellis.

She like a number of other artists surveyed last Sunday said that the inclement weather did not have an adverse affect upon her sales.

Quite the contrary.

"I think the weather helped this year," said Susan. "It hasn't really rained a lot this year and we've had a lot of people walking by over the three days. It's been a very good show for me this year."

Jones said that most of the artisans and artists attending the show this year had the same feedback.

Bad weather in cottage country means good times for local vendors and the downtown core apparently.

Jones said that all vendors are asked to fill out survey forms, which delineate their level of satisfaction with the show.

In the last couple of years the Art and Craft festival have been charging a nominal \$2 entry fee. Jones said that it's an important addition because very few people complain about the donation and it gives the organizers a handle on exactly how many people are attending the event over the three days.

"We had a thousand more people in the show than last year," said Jones, who says the Toonie count also gives the Rails End access to numbers that might not otherwise be available by any other means.



## Art in the Park.



Terrance Gavan  
Staff Reporter



## Rails End Gallery & Arts Centre



## Artists say: Haliburton Arts show tops the charts

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She added that the event is staffed by a dedicated group of over 40 local volunteers, and that without their assistance, the show would not be possible.

She said that many of the artists rate this as the best show they attend during the season.

And again Jones said that's all down to the huge amount of time and effort put in by the volunteers from the community who work each year to keep the Haliburton Art and Craft festival at the top of the leaderboard in Ontario. □

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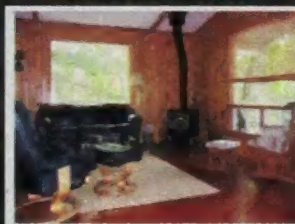
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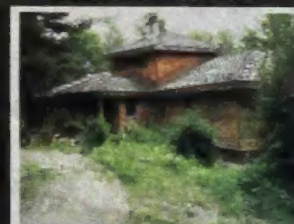
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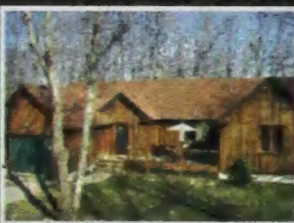
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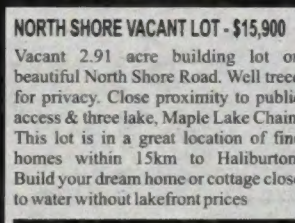
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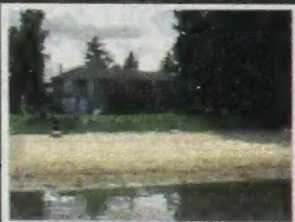
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